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COMMENT OF THE DAY

European Unity

Mr. Foster Dulles has now made it patently clear that the main purpose of his European tour is to good the six signatories to the European Defence Treaty into speedily ratifying, and thereafter implementing the pact. This is not surprising, for American official and public opinion regards the EDC project as the one substantial foundation upon which an effective defence can be built up in Western Europe against Communist expansion. Mr. Dulles, in particular, is convinced that an "entirely defensive" Western policy against the Soviet-Chinese alliance is bound to fail. "We shall never have a secure peace or happiness so long as Soviet Communism dominates one-third of all the people there are, and is trying to extend its rule over many others," he recently declared, and so far as Europe is concerned he believes that nothing short of complete unity among the democratic countries is necessary if Western Europe is to play any effective part in bringing about the disintegration of the Communist alliance. There is no lack of sympathy for Mr. Dulles in his present quest, and while it may not produce immediate results, the Secretary of State himself will gain a much clearer appreciation of the several problems and the conflicting emotions which are associated with the European Defence Treaty.

ONE of Mr. Dulles' handicaps is that much ground was lost by the free world in the Cold War during the last six months of 1952. During that period Mr. Acheson's foreign policy was paralysed by the bitterly-fought American election and the campaign which began long before the candidates were actually in the field. Vital decisions had to be postponed, and during the past six months there has not even been common agreement between statesmen and soldiers on either side of the Atlantic as to whether the danger of a hot war had receded. Moreover, Western Europe is still suffering from uncertainty about the amount of American aid to be expected if the Republicans carry out their pledges to cut spending. As if this were not enough, since President Eisenhower's election there has been the fall of the Pinay government in France, an event which means at best that the European Defence Treaty (under which Germany has agreed to supply twelve divisions for European defence) is unlikely to be ratified as it stands.

AT worst the treaty will not be ratified at all, for fears that while French troops are tied down in Indo-China the German divisions will dominate Europe have become uppermost in French minds. It is true that Dr. Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, has categorically declared that his nation will ratify the pact, but this loses its value if France fails to follow suit. In fact, unless Mr. Dulles can obtain definite assurances from M. Mayer that France is prepared to give parliamentary approval to the treaty, the Secretary of State may have to consider whether the pact on which the US government has pinned its faith for nearly two years, is practicable; and if not, what is to replace it. America's resources have already been so greatly stretched by the Korean campaign that the US has been unable to fulfil her promises of military equipment to Europe. So that whatever cordial words are spoken on the surface, Mr. Dulles almost certainly will make some attempt to speed up European rearmament before the Spring meeting of the 14 North Atlantic powers in Paris.

Knowland's 7-Point Plan To End Korea War NOW BEING STUDIED BY EISENHOWER

Blockade Proposal Causes Differences Of Opinion

(From HENRY LOWRIE)

Washington, Feb. 5.

A seven-point plan to end the Korean war, which includes a naval blockade of China, drawn up by one of the top Republicans, Senator William Knowland of California, is being considered by President Eisenhower.

Significance behind this news is that two of the Senator's proposals have already been accepted as Government policy.

These were the withdrawal of the 7th Fleet as a shield for the Communists and greater use of Republic of Korea soldiers.

Senator Knowland is Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and a member of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

His suggestions are usually weighed very carefully. Setting up of a Chinese coast blockade, which is his third suggestion, is said only to be delayed by a split among high officers of the Pentagon.

Other points in Senator Knowland's scheme are:—
1. Accept the offer of Chiang Kai-shek to send 35,000 Nationalist troops from Formosa to Korea.

2. Demand that all United Nations members prove their sincerity about collective security by making "an equitable contribution to the forces resisting aggression in Korea."

3. Ask all United Nations members who have recognised

Red China to withdraw that diplomatic recognition.

4. Demand that Russia stop the supply of "moral and material support" to the Korean aggressors, and, if that is rejected, ask all United Nations members to break off diplomatic relations and apply economic sanctions to Russia.

Reports grow stronger in Washington that Point 3 of Senator Knowland's plan will be the next move in the stepped-up campaign against the Communists.

But the generals and admirals are said to have fallen out over the plan and are even arguing with the State Department.

Admiral Arthur Radford, Commander of the Pacific Fleet, who had a talk with President Eisenhower this week, supports the Navy case for an all-out blockade.

The Army and Air Force, however, think this would mean an expansion of the Korean war. —London Express Service.

Eden Soft-Pedals Criticism Of New US Policy

London, Feb. 5.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden surprised the House of Commons tonight by soft pedalling on criticism of America's new policy in Formosa.

The marked change of tone from his statement two days ago condemning the American move prompted hearers to believe the visiting American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, had done a persuasive job in yesterday's talks.

Mr. Eden said the government was now convinced the Formosa decision implied no aggressive intentions by America against Communist China.

In a debate launched by the critical Labour Opposition, Mr. Eden made it clear that both he and Prime Minister Winston Churchill had in turn tried—and failed—to prevent the American decision not to interfere in Formosa. Chiang Kai-shek attacked the Communist mainland.

Mr. Eden stressed American feelings over their sufferings in Korea and said it seemed "quite quixotic" to them that at the same time their Seventh Fleet should be used to shelter the Communists against attack.

"Surely this is an argument we cannot resist whatever other thoughts we have on the matter," he said.

The United States government understood well—perhaps even better than Britain—that the Communist strategy was to pin down Allied forces in the Far East and weaken their strength in the essential European theatre, Mr. Eden said.

They had seen the same thing happen in Greece when that country was weak from the ravages of war and now it was seen in Malaya, Indo-China and Burma, and in its most brutal form in Korea.

Mr. Eden said the House should remember that they were dealing in Korea with an act of aggression on the United Nations collectively but as he had seen sometimes stated because American soldiers were being killed. They could not therefore now do anything about changing membership in the United Nations of the Chinese.

Indo-China was the strategic key to Southeast Asia. Its security was a matter of vital concern to the whole free world. That was clearly recognised in NATO, Mr. Eden continued.

"A REAL RISK"
The former Labour Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, opened today's debate declaring: "There is a risk that there might be major trouble between Communist mainland China and forces of the United States."

"It is now near enough specifically stated that it is a one-way non-alignment only, with what appears to be almost an inclination to Chiang Kai-shek to attack the mainland in strength with an implied undertaking and guarantee that the American government will not interfere if such an attack is made," Mr. Morrison added.

He declared the decision meant the United States was prepared to carry out war by proxy—something for which they had always condemned the Communists.

OUTSPOKEN CRITIC
Mr. Richard Crossman, chief lieutenant of Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Left-Wing leader, was the most outspoken of the critics.

"Get the boys home and use Asiatars to fight Asiatars" had been the theme of General Eisenhower's election campaign, he said.

"This was a 'perfect case' on which to test the relationship between the United States and her Allies," he added.

"If we don't argue out this incident which is not mortally dangerous, what will happen when they do something really dangerous?" he asked.

"Sudan Is Ours"



Dulles Tells Germans

Get On With Task Or Lose US Aid

Bonn, Feb. 5.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, warned West German politicians today that if Europe did not make great progress in integrating its defence by April, the United States would not continue its present aid, a high official said here tonight.

Mr. Dulles, who arrived here today from London, told Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the Social Democratic opposition leader, Herr Erich Ollenhauer, that the United States wanted to see hard results, otherwise it would be virtually impossible to get Congress to vote aid, as Congress would realise it was not contributing to a creative result, Mr. Dulles was stated to have said.

The source, who refused even to have his nationality quoted, said Mr. Dulles had expressed the "alarm" of the new United States administration at the apparent collapse of the idea of European integration within sight of its goal.

Mr. Dulles was stated to have told Herr Ollenhauer and other Social Democratic leaders that for the United States there was no question of a German national army inside the Atlantic Pact.

The American Administration had no intention of risking the alienation of France by encouraging such a development. He also told Herr Ollenhauer that he did not share the latter's opinion that the reunion of Germany would be hindered by West Germany's entry into the EDC. The only way to reunite Germany was to show the Soviet Union that it could no longer use the Soviet zone as a magnet or keeping Western Germany out of the Atlantic Community, Mr. Dulles was stated to have said. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Rain Restricts Test Play

Melbourne, Feb. 6.

A rain-soaked pitch restricted play to only 25 minutes as the 10th and final Test match between South Africa and Australia got under way here this morning after a delay. Lindsay Hassett again won the toss, and at the luncheon interval the Australians had made 12 without loss, with Morris 11 not out, and Colin McDonald 1 not out. —Reuter.

General Naguib, Dictator Premier of Egypt, proclaims a "Liberation Front" to replace the country's dissolved political parties, and shouts "Sudan is ours", during his speech before 100,000 people in Cairo. Cheers and booming guns greeted the Premier's speech, which marked the end of the first six months of liberation. —London Express.

Britain's European Army Offer

London, Feb. 5.

Britain today announced that she is prepared to interchange air squadrons with the future six-nation European Army.

The proposal is contained in a British memorandum handed this week to members of the European Defence Community Interim Committee in Paris.

It sets out detailed plans for associating British forces with the future European Army and assisting the Army in its formative stages.

A Foreign Office statement on the memorandum issued in London today gave no details of how the interchange of air squadrons would be effected but listed a number of other methods of association worked out for the three services.

These include the co-ordination of air defence between Britain and the six countries of Europe of command and staff officers and joint formation training.

A DEVELOPMENT

The Foreign Office today said the plans were a development of proposals already discussed in Paris last May between the author of the European Army Plan, French Defence Minister Rene Pleven, and the British Defence Minister, Field Marshal Lord Alexander.

Britain then signed a mutual assistance treaty with the projected European Defence Community.

An authoritative source said here today that Britain would be willing to train the Defence Community's air and land forces.

Britain would also be willing to train German and other army officers and non-commissioned officers and some of these might be trained in Britain. But most of the training would naturally be at the Community's training establishments on the Continent where Britain could post instructors. —Reuter.

Air-Sea Armada Rescues Thousands From Flood Zones

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.

A six-nation air-sea armada rescued thousands from Holland's flood zones in a daylight race against time today and by nightfall only minor danger points remained in this ravaged nation.

British and American helicopters late today were evacuating those trapped by new breaks in dykes around villages in Noorngouwe on Schouwen Duiveland Island and Neuwedijk in the province of Brabant.

In Britain sandbag walls won the first round against wind lashed tides and the authorities said the situation was now under control along 1,000 miles of the coastline.

The overall death toll in Europe's most devastating floods in five centuries stood at 1,770 at 6.30 p.m. GMT. In addition to more than 1,320 dead in Holland there were 423 victims in Britain, 20 in Belgium and seven in Germany.

Earlier today two Dutch villages on an island appealed for help when their dykes were breached but the gaps were brought under control by sandbags dropped from planes taking part in "Operation Gordong"—a great international rescue team.

Although Britain's flood defences were reported to be under temporary control, the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, warned the nation of the peril of high tides again, beginning on St Valentine's Day.

A Government flood expert said that between 100 and 150 of the 500 breaches along Britain's coastline had been sealed "and with any luck they should hold." —United Press.

MORE DYKES BREAK

London, Feb. 5.

More of Holland's vital dykes collapsed today and flood waters carried destruction yet deeper into the countryside, already stricken by five days of watery hell.

Gale warnings sounded all down the 160 miles of flooded British coast during the night, but the swollen tides rolled southwards almost without incident.

Great waves surged through a new built emergency coastal wall at Mablethorpe in Lincolnshire. Police said there was no need for anxiety, but tonight there was still the risk of high winds and labour squads worked tirelessly to patch up the gaping holes in the sea walls.

At King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth, in Norfolk, the water was still rising, but the defences held.

Rescuers penetrating further yet into the devastated areas in Holland found survivors still clinging to roofs, trees and floating debris. Some of them had been driven mad by their ordeal. A Reuter correspondent telephoned from the evacuation port of Hellevoodsluis today: "Only 1,500 people are left on Goeree-Overflakkee Island, once the home of 32,000."

The human and animal survivors there are huddled on the tiny patches of land still remaining above water.

Hundreds have died on the little island in their collapsing houses or clinging to the crumbling dykes. But day and night the armada of little ships has kept going to and fro and all through daylight hours, planes and helicopters have helped take out more people and leave supplies and medical aid for the others.

The great cattle grazing area of Voorn-Purten, south and west of Rotterdam, is half flooded and only a five-mile dyke, barely 10 inches above the water, is keeping the rest clear.

170TH INUNDATED

A leading Dutch Government engineer said tonight that one-tenth of the country's rich farmland was inundated—considerably less than the original estimate of one-sixth. There were at least 150 holes in the dykes.

It would take "many months" to close the gaps.

The engineer said the flooded area was about 175,000 hectares of the best land.

Holland's industry was practically unaffected. There were, tonight, two remaining gaps in Belgium's defence line.

The flooded countries on both sides of the North Sea have the job of sealing their sea defences before the end of next week, when more high tides are due.

In Britain the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, called today for prayers in all churches on Sunday for victims and sufferers of the floods and for all engaged in rescue and relief work both in Britain and Holland.

Pope Pius has sent a gift of £2,000 to the Apostolic Nuncio in Britain for those in need.

PATCHING UP

As life slowly returned to normal in Britain's stricken areas, people were busy patching up their ruined homes. At Canvey Island, with the waters still swirling through the streets, they were putting up the garden gates.

"The state of public health in the flooded area, at present at any rate, gives no cause for (Contd. on back page, col. 3)

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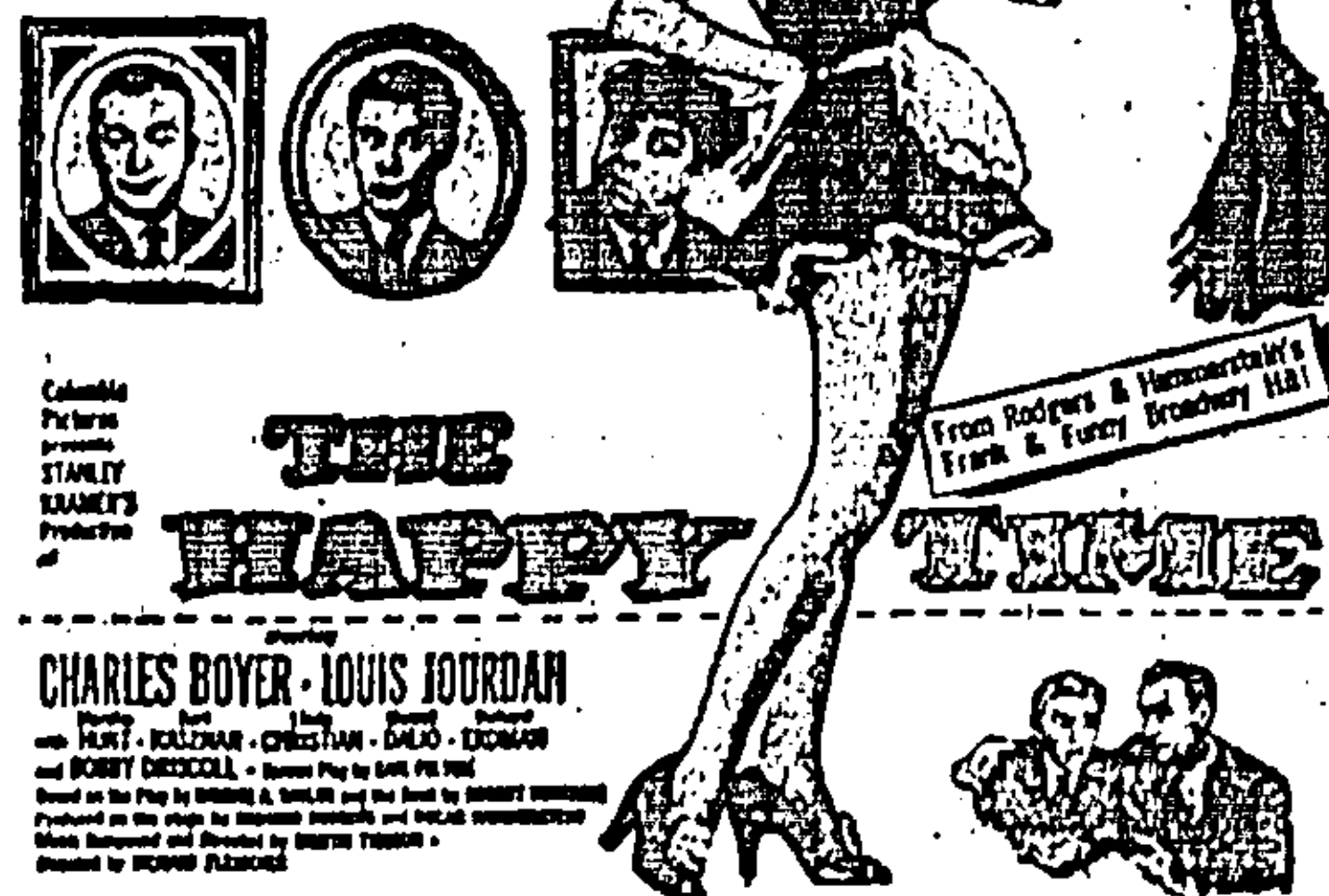
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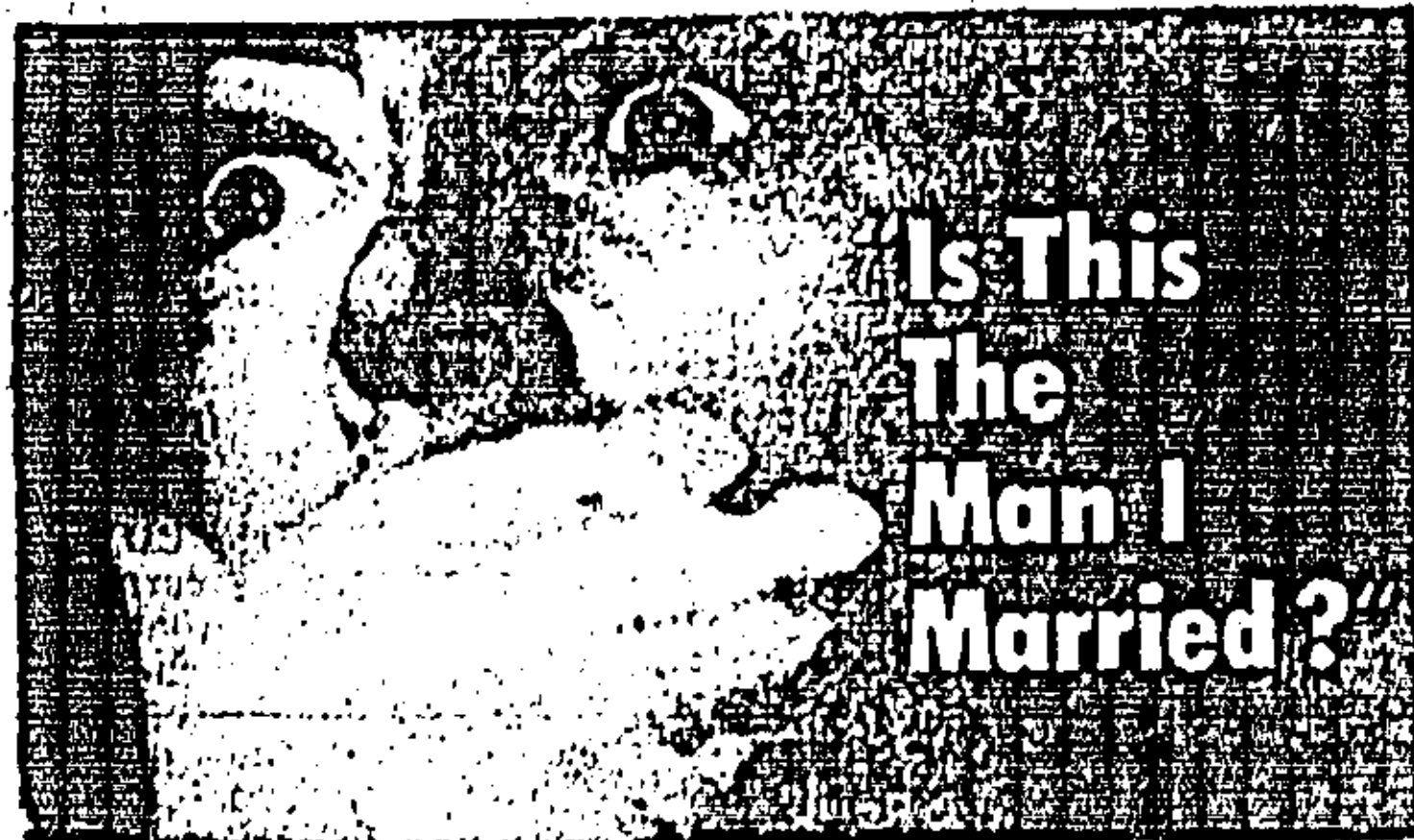
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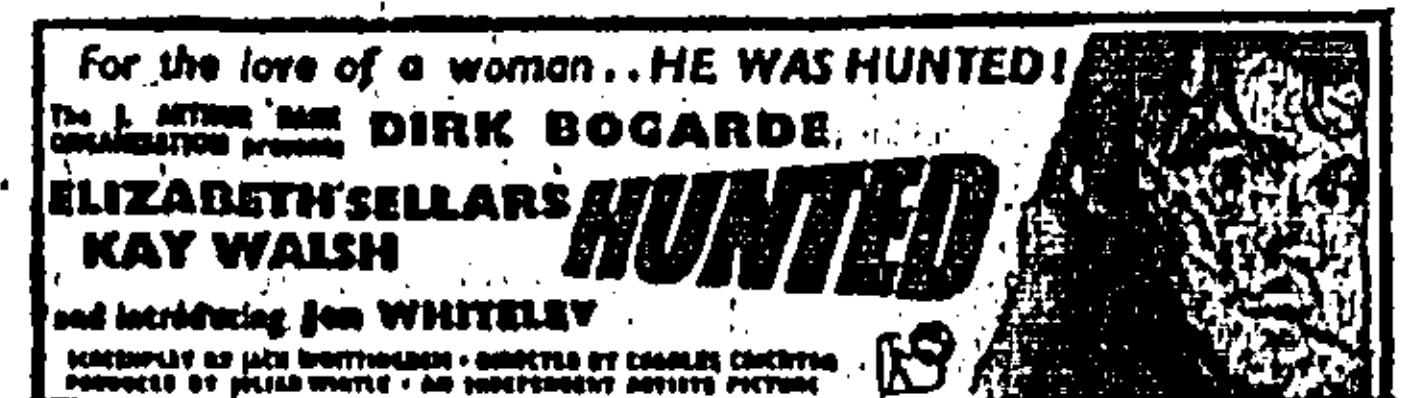
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Youthful King's Romance



King Hussein of Jordan, who is expected to announce his engagement in the near future to Princess Dina Abdul Hamid. The youthful King, who, according to United Press, was among 250 officer cadets who passed out of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst yesterday, met the Princess in Switzerland last year. She was at yesterday's "Passing Out" parade. —Express Photo.

Tribal Chiefs Protest

London, Feb. 5. Tribal chiefs from Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia held protest meetings here today as the British Government announced its scheme for joining the two territories with Southern Rhodesia in a Central African federation as a new British Dominion.

The Government issued a White Paper outlining the plan for federation, which emerged from a conference held here since January 1 by Government representatives of the African territories concerned and by Commonwealth and Colonial officials.

The scheme in effect would establish a Federal Parliament consisting of 35 members, of whom only six would be Africans, to govern the federated States of Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia and their population of 6,000,000 Africans and 170,000 Europeans.

The Nyasaland chiefs published a petition which they sent to Her Majesty the Queen, protesting against the federation plans. They did so after the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, had told them he could not advise the Queen to receive them personally.

The chiefs gave Mr. Lyttelton a memorandum stating their opposition to the federation, on the grounds that it will mean that their land is to be taken away by the Europeans.

Mr. Lyttelton told the chiefs their fears were groundless, but they did not heed him and their petition to the Queen said they had "lost confidence in the wisdom and justice of the Ministers who at present advise your Majesty on Colonial policy".

The petition also said closer political association with Southern Rhodesia would mean racial discrimination practices there would spread to Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia. The chiefs are planning to return home tomorrow. —United Press.

Skulduggery At The Yard

London, Feb. 5. Scotland Yard had an unusual case of skulduggery on its hands today.

And Sir Harold Scott, the Commissioner of Police, sent plainclothesmen to investigate reports of cheating in a Government Civil Service examination.

The exam was for promotion to Sergeant in Scotland Yard. —Associated Press.

FAMINE MENACE IN EGYPT

London, Feb. 5. The Leftist "New Statesman and Nation" said today that famine will grip Egypt before the end of the year unless there is an American loan.

"With two years' cotton crop unsold, Gen. Naguib's Treasury is empty and he cannot even buy the wheat he desperately needs," the weekly reported.

"All the big estates have already been taken over, but the Government's failure to provide seed corn to the tenant farmers, and the old landlords' natural readiness to resist land reform are combining to paralyse agriculture."

"This," the weekly continued, "makes Mr. Eden's decision to go ahead with the sale of jet fighters to Egypt all the more inexplicable. If the Foreign Secretary wished to show his goodwill to the army movement, there are many things he could do." —Associated Press.

DROUGHT LOSSES

Jerusalem, Feb. 5. A special allocation of \$800,000 out of American grant-in-aid funds for fodder to replace corn crops lost through drought was announced today. —Associated Press.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to re-decoration the Capitol Theatre will be closed from February 1-13, and re-opened on 14th February (Chinese New Year's Day).

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UNITED NATIONS DOING RELIEF JOB IN KOREA

Taejon, Feb. 5.

Among the hills and valleys of West Central Korea, a miniature of the United Nations Organisation is helping to put a war-devastated province back on its feet again.

Among their problems is how to get proper food to people who otherwise must try to live on grass or begging.

They are members of a United Nations Civil Assistance Command (UNCAC) team based on Taejon, 110 miles south of Seoul, and responsible for the direction of aid in the province of Chungcheong Namdo.

The team is under American Army control, but includes seven civilian members who assist United States officers and enlisted men. The civilians, from British Guiana, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, France and Denmark, are the basis of the civil reconstruction teams who will stay on in Korea if the fighting ends and the armies leave.

Chungcheong Namdo is a province roughly 60 miles long and 50 miles across. Before the war, it had a population of 2,000,000 but refugees have today swollen this by almost another 350,000. Taejon, where the team is based, is the capital with nearly 200,000 people, while there is one other city with more than 50,000 people and four with between 25,000 and 30,000.

Nearly all the province is directly dependent on farming. The farmers grow mainly barley and rice, normally harvesting a crop of each from the same field every year.

War has swept over this province twice. As it passed, the soldiers, following one of the centuries-old invasion routes of Korea, wrecked cities, roads and bridges.

STILL THREAT

Driven by the war, refugees poured into the province, filling makeshift camps and bringing the danger of disastrous epidemics.

An UNCAC team moved into Chungcheong Namdo to meet this threat and also brought emergency relief to alleviate starvation. The team is still there, but since the war subsided, its duties have been bent more towards getting the province going again.

Starvation and threat of disease are still present.

Until recently, the commander of the team was Colonel Aubrey Akin, of Newport, Vermont, who has gone to UNCAC headquarters in Pusan. His successor is Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas J. Conlin, of Stamford, Conn.

The United Nations contingent is headed by the executive officer Mr. Frank W. Voelcker, of Tillingham, Auckland, New Zealand, a farmer, who was formerly New Zealand High Commissioner in Western Samoa.

MAIN TASK

Dr. L. N. Yhap, of Chinese extraction, who comes from British Guiana, is the unit's public health officer. With him are a public health nurse, Miss Paula Agge, of Copenhagen, Denmark, and a sanitary officer, Mr. John Maxwell, of Toronto, Canada.

The public welfare officer, in charge of orphanages, old people and social work, is Mr. Nicholas Wyruboff who came from Russia as a child and is now a French citizen.

Two supply officers are an Australian, Mr. J. C. Pettie of Melbourne, and another Dane, Mr. Hoy M. Holm, of Jutland.

One of the team's main tasks is the distribution of direct relief, rice and grain for the starving and needy people. It watches the distribution of these by Korean provincial and county officials in an effort to ensure the food gets to the right people.

The public health unit has to supervise the health and medical care for more than 2,000,000 people.

LONG TRAVELS

Dr. Yhap and Nurse Agge cover hundreds of miles of rough country roads each month visiting their dispensaries through the province and seeing that immunisation is being carried out to prevent epidemics. They also supervise hospitals, giving sketchy training.

Nurse Agge takes a special interest in women and children, visiting orphanages and schools. A self-imposed task is visiting

prisons where some women with babies are being held on charges of assisting guerrillas. The nurse gets them baby clothes and extra rations of powdered milk. When they are 18 months old, the babies are taken from the mothers and put into orphanages.

Mr. Voelcker, besides assisting in the administration of the unit, is also a farming adviser. He encourages the use of modern farming methods and crops through the province.

Other duties of the team, carried out mainly by American forces, are advice on civil government and supervision of prisons and institutions. —Reuter.

CAMPAIN IN U.S.

New York, Feb. 5. A goal of 3,000 tons of new and used clothing for war-ravaged Korean civilians has been set by the American Relief for Korea Organisation for its nationwide Spring campaign. Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, its national chairman, announced today. —Reuter.

Jap War Criminals' Testimony At Trial

New York, Feb. 5. Testimony from two Japanese war criminals was read today at the trial of John David Provo, former United States Army sergeant, accused of treason.

The Japanese were closely associated with the execution of American Army Captain Burton C. Thompson. Their accounts of the shooting of Captain Thompson were contained in depositions read before a Federal Court jury.

The depositions were made by former Lieutenant Shigeru Kimura, who served two years for his part in Captain Thompson's death, and former Warrant Officer Shuzo Uda. Uda served six months for his connection with the Thompson execution.

Uda stated that he was battalion adjutant on Corregidor when a Japanese sergeant reported to him that Captain Thompson was rebellious and "anti-Japanese."

He said he went to his commander, who ordered "Take this man to the second company to be dealt with adequately."

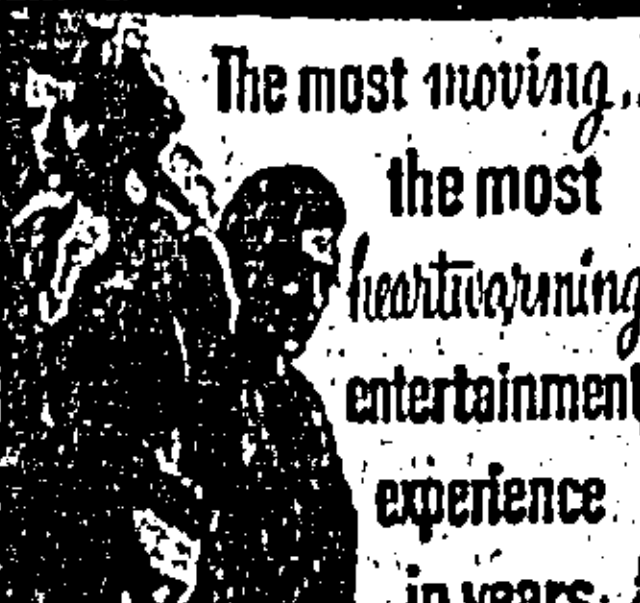
Kimura was commander of the second company. Uda said that when he received a report that Captain Thompson had been executed he was surprised.

"I did not think he would be killed," he said.

Captain Thompson's death has been attributed to an alleged report made by Provo to the Japanese saying that the Captain was "unco-operative" and "anti-Japanese." —Reuter.

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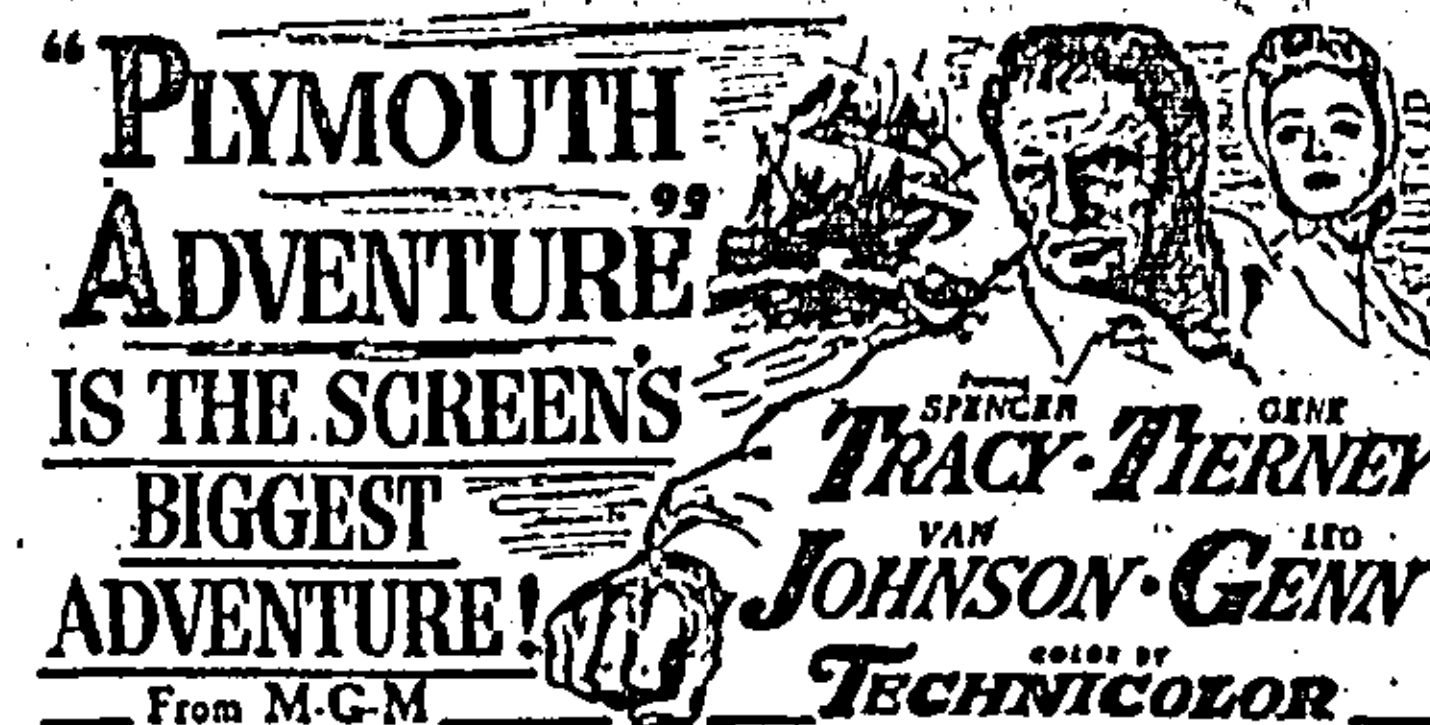
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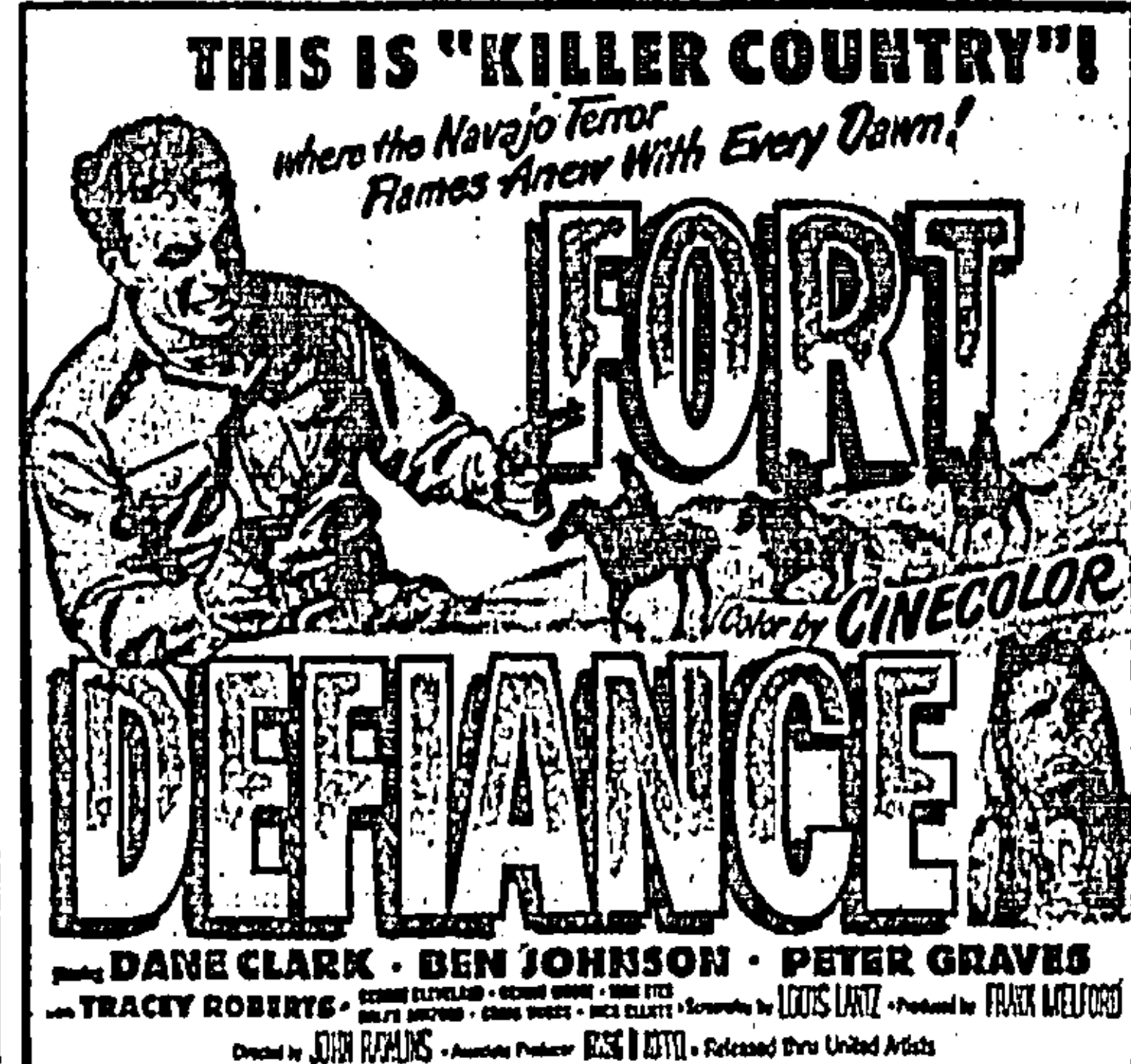
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America May Give Burma Military Aid

Rangoon, Feb. 5. Negotiations are under way here for the large-scale supply of American arms to Burma to aid her fight against rebellion, a diplomatic source told Renter tonight.

The American Ambassador, William J. Sebald, conferred on details for two days last week with the Burmese Supreme Commander, General Ne Win. Air Commodore C.L.S. Ward, Chief of the British Services Mission, also took part.

It is understood that General Ne Win also discussed with Air Commodore Ward a new Anglo-Burmese defence agreement.

Last month, Burma served 12 months notice to end her present five-year-old agreement with Britain, under which Burma received a British Services Mission to train and equip her armed forces.—Reuter.

MR EDEN'S MISSION TO AMERICA

London, Feb. 5. Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will leave for Washington by sea on February 27 for economic talks with the United States Government.

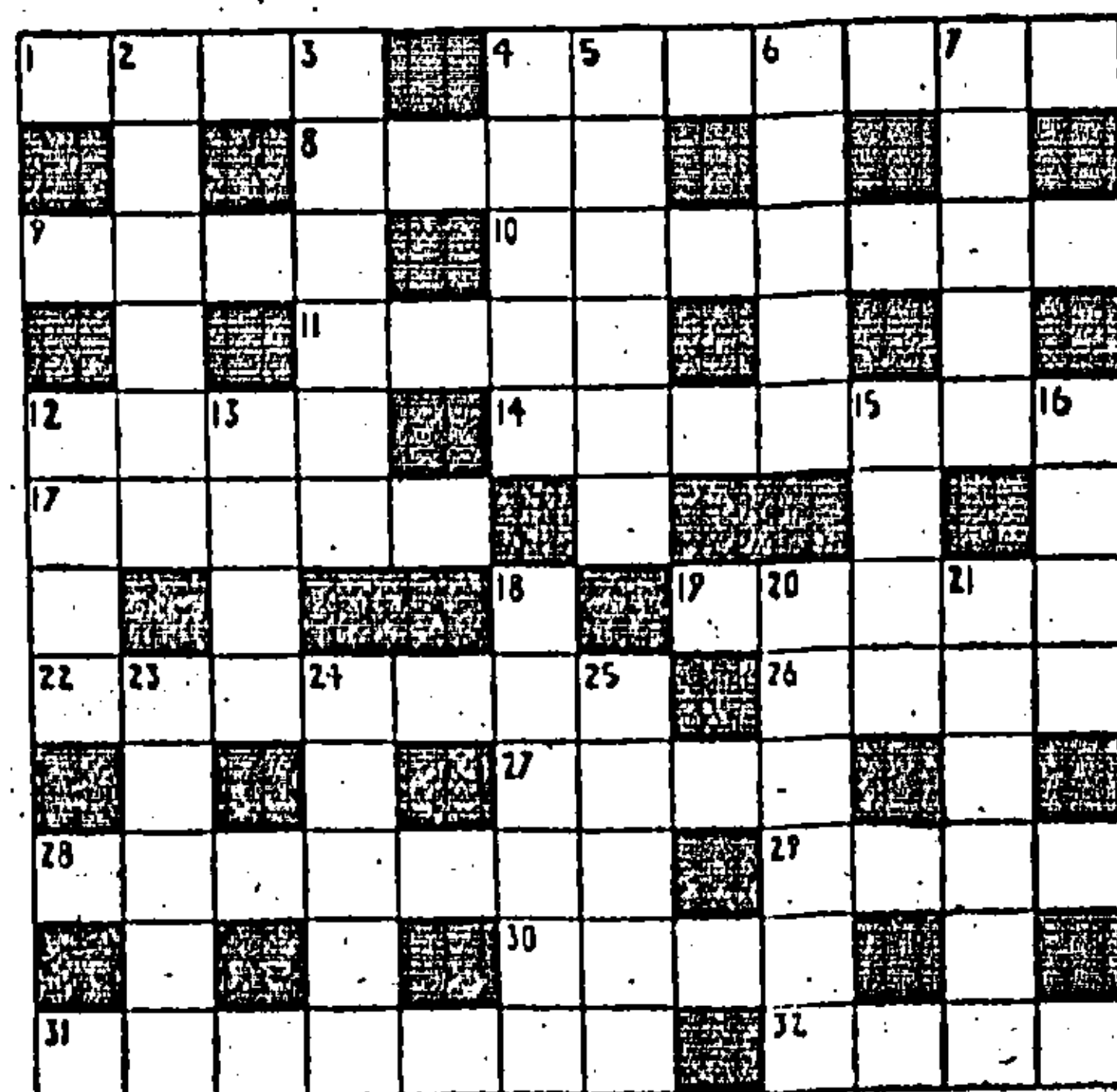
The Anglo-American talks will be based on the plan which emerged from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' economic conference here in November and December last year.

A Foreign Office announcement said Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler would stay in Washington for a few days and change views with the United States Government on matters discussed at the recent Commonwealth economic conference.

"There is no intention, at this stage, to negotiate any agreement with the United States Government," the Foreign Secretary will combine this visit with the visit he will be making to the forthcoming General Assembly of the United Nations," the statement said.

It added that the invitation to visit Washington for exploratory talks was given yesterday by Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Asleep, 5 Relax, 8 Pined, 9 Public, 10 Visit, 11 Cadet, 12 Acre, 13 Round, 16 Modern, 19 Toured, 20 Seers, 22 Dido, 23 Alfred, 25 Franc, 28 Lancer, 29 Galop, 30 Crucel, 32 Pellet. Down: 1 Appenzels, 2 Liberate, 3 Epic, 4 Picador, 5 Reverend, 6 Editor, 7 Allen, 14 Unlawful, 15 Democrat, 16 Musical, 17 Develop, 19 Orange, 21

Tito's Envoy In London



The new Yugoslav Ambassador to London, General Vladimir Velebit, arrives in London with his wife and two sons. The General was head of a wartime mission that came to England to get supplies for Tito's partisans. He and his wife will be host and hostess to Marshal Tito during his London visit.—Express Photo.

Kenyatta Says He Cursed The Mau Mau

Kapenguria, Feb. 5.

Jomo Kenyatta, African Union leader accused of managing the Mau Mau Terrorist organisation, testified here today that time after time, at the risk of his life, he had cursed the Mau Mau.

He was in the witness box for the eighth successive day when the trial resumed.

Mr. Eliud Mathu, leader of African members in the Colony's Legislative Council, and Mr. Harry Thuku, a 57-year-old Kikuyu farmer who was "convicted and deported" in 1922 after mass rioting in Nairobi, broadcast a joint condemnation of Mau Mau terrorism over the African Broadcasting System two months ago.

Kenyatta scoffed at their denunciation—"All they could do was go into a room before a microphone and say they did not like the Mau Mau," but he had had the courage to stand before 50,000—40,000—30,000 people and curse Mau Mau.

If the Government had operated with him, he would have been invited to say the same things over the radio. But the Government did not co-operate, he said.

The trial of Kenyatta and five other African leaders resumed for its 33rd day today, after being adjourned from Tuesday.

Magistrate Ransley Thacker, who had been suffering from a violent toothache, had to fly 200 miles to Nairobi to see his dentist and have some teeth out.

After questioning today Kenyatta said he had not had his anti-Mau Mau speeches published in newspapers, nor had they been cleared among members of the Kenya African Union.

"I attended my meeting and I took that to be enough."

MISSING RECORDING
Kenyatta challenged Mr. Anthony Somerhough, the Deputy Public Prosecutor, to produce in court a recording by the Government of a speech he made last August at an anti-Mau Mau meeting at Kilimamburi, north of Nairobi. He said he was one of the organisers of the meeting; he had attended it and denounced Mau Mau entirely, freely and willingly.

"Don't beat around the bush," he said to the Deputy Prosecutor. "Bring the recording here and hear what I did say."

Magistrate Thacker asked if a recording had been made and what had happened to it.

Mr. Somerhough said that there had been a recording, but that he would not go into the question of whether it was in existence.

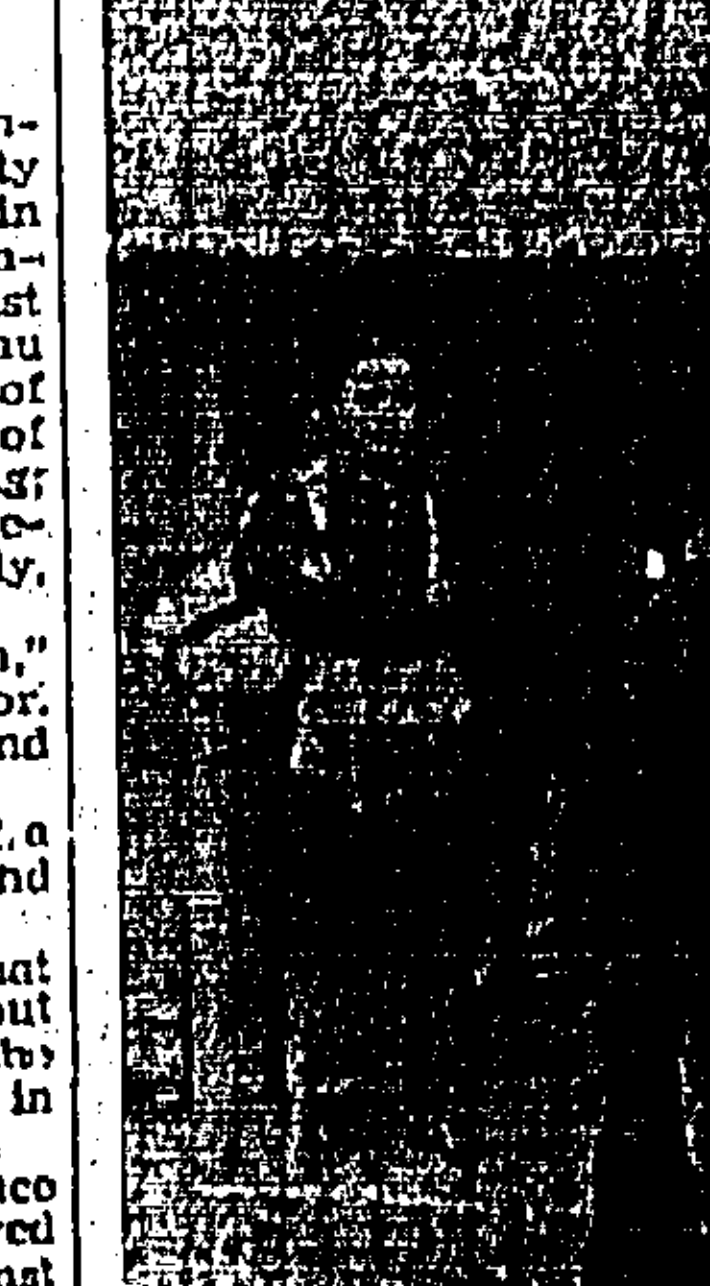
Mr. D. N. Pitt, Q.C., defence counsel, interposed: "Destroyed before bringing the case against Kenyatta."

Answering a second question from the Magistrate, Mr. Somerhough said: "It would be very

German Reds Arrested

Munich, Feb. 5. Bavarian police arrested 20 Communists on charges of preparing treason when they raised a Communist training course on revolutionary fighting tactics at Penzberg earlier this week. The Interior Ministry disclosed today.

Among them was Theo L. Paul Chreyer, Chairman of the Bavarian Society for German-Soviet Friendship, the Ministry said.—Reuter.



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Industrial Expansion In The Far East Continues To Make Headway U.N. ECONOMIC SURVEY

United Nations, Feb. 5.

Industrial expansion in Asia and the Far East made headway last year, while unfavourable changes in international trade had a retarding effect, a survey by the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East showed today.

The survey also found that a general turn towards deflation was now noticeable in most Asian countries.

The survey will be considered by the Commission at its meeting in Bandung, Indonesia, beginning tomorrow.

Economic developments in the region during 1952 were dominated by strongly conflicting tendencies, the survey said.

Raw material production had expanded and industrial production benefited from the supply of new equipment. But the advance was uneven and there were signs of a slowing down in India and Japan.

Foreign trade was adversely affected by a decline in demand, and the drop in export prices made deep inroads into export earnings.

One of the outstanding facts in the period under review, was the "sharp worsening in the terms of trade of all but the rice exporting countries."

"In consequence," the survey said, "the region's productive effort for export now gives a much lower return in terms of imported goods and services than the same effort gave a year or two ago."

FOOD PRODUCTION

Output of foodstuffs was somewhat higher in 1951/52 than in the preceding year in spite of the 1951 drought in important areas in India.

The survey added that there was reason to believe that this increase would continue in 1952/53 under the stimulus of higher prices and of intensified development in the field of food production.

While the production of raw materials had expanded, there has been an incipient decline in the case of a few commodities, particularly rubber.

"Since the spring of 1951 there has been a decline in demand for the principal export commodities of most countries of the region."

"The consequent drop in export prices (which on the whole was more significant than the fall in the volume of exports) made deep inroads into export earnings and introduced a contractionist element of varying strength into the economy of many countries," the survey said.

TEXTILES SLUMP

"Two main developments converged to bring about this crisis in exports. One was the collapse of the raw material boom of 1950/51, the other, the world recession in textiles."

"Both were part of a worldwide inventory cycle which affected the primary producers of the area (except the rice exporters) as well as the industrial countries."

"The mainland of China, however, was not exposed to this disturbance in international markets and there has been a large expansion of economic activity in that country."

"The fall of export receipts has affected the relationship between supply and demand in the markets of the region," the survey said.

"During 1951 and for the greater part of 1952, industries serving home markets generally turned out more goods, and in some cases there has also been an increase in the volume of imports, at least during part of the period."

"Home supplies therefore generally expanded. But as money income from exports

declined, the buying power did not keep pace with the rise in home supplies."

The survey continued: "The vulnerability of these countries to international economic disturbances is, of course, an aspect of under-development."

"But even Japan is now faced with a problem of redevelopment—or at any rate with a large problem of industrial adjustment. A high proportion of Japan's exports (textiles and other light goods) is no longer in the main stream of international demand, and many of its heavy industries are producing at relatively high costs," the survey said.

ACUTE PROBLEM

Because of the trade recession, the financing of imports had again become an acute problem.

The survey added that at least a part of the decline was due to factors which are likely to have a certain degree of permanency. In the meantime import requirements of the developing countries were growing and they were likely to press heavily against availabilities of foreign exchange.

"The programming of expenditures of imports, therefore, is crucial in development planning," the survey said.—Reuter.

Red MPs' Mandates Cancelled

Berlin, Feb. 5.

East Germany's Volkskammer (People's Parliament) today cancelled the mandates for four of its deputies.—Ex-Foreign Minister Georg Dertinger, Baron Wilhelm von Stolzberg, Walter Ruebel and Julius Meyer.

Von Stolzberg, according to West Berlin reports, fled from East Germany last week with his family. But he has not reported to German refugee officials here, they said today.

Dertinger was arrested on January 15 on charges of spying for the Western powers.

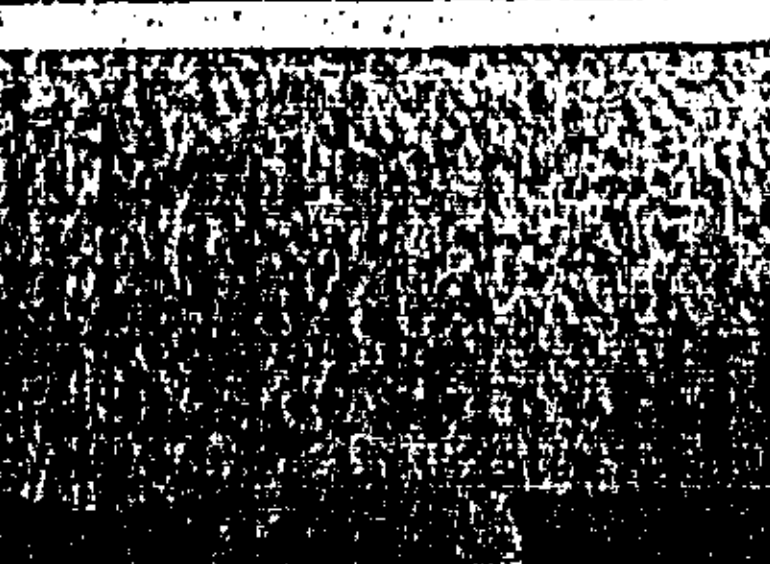
Meyer, chief of all East German Jewish communities, headed the first group of Jewish leaders to flee to West Berlin after anti-Jewish acts began a month ago.—Reuter.

JELKE TRIAL IS ADJOURNED

New York, Feb. 5.

The Mickey Jelke trial adjourned today until Friday to give jurors time to get their testimony straight.

Jelke is charged with procuring high-priced prostitutes for New York's cafe society. A number of self-confessed "call girls" are to give evidence for the prosecution. The trial is expected to last a month.—Associated Press.



Mr. Olavarria made the announcement after a conference with the Israeli Charge d'Affaires here, Mr. Samuel Goren.

Mr. Olavarria said that he had assured Mr. Goren of Chile's full support for Israel in its efforts to secure condemnation of the Communist governments of the new wave of anti-Semitism.—United Press.

"DEAD" MAN RETURNS

Graz, Feb. 5.

An Austrian man who was officially declared dead five years ago knocked at his "widow's" door in Graz and was met by his four-year-old daughter, of her second marriage.

The man, identified by the police only as "Robert K.", was taken prisoner by the Russians nine years ago and was sentenced as a war criminal. He was sent to various camps in Siberia and his letters home never arrived.

He arrived unexpectedly after being released recently in East Germany. He is expected to Austrian President Theodor Körner to be officially restored to life.—Reuter.

Brooklyn Naval Yard Fire

New York, Feb. 5.

Fire broke out tonight in the Brooklyn naval yard and the leaping flames could be seen from mid-Manhattan.

Fire Department officials said five alarms had been turned in for a blaze in a warehouse. Two fireboats, in addition to regular land equipment, were rushed to the scene.—United Press.

Note From Israel.

Is Termed "Offensive"

Prague Rejection Of Reply

London, Feb. 5.

Czechoslovakia today rejected the Israeli reply to her note demanding the recall of Dr. Aryeh Koubovi, Israeli Minister to Czechoslovakia, Prague radio reported.

The radio said the Israeli reply, which had unreservedly rejected the demand for the recall of Dr. Koubovi, was rejected because of "its untrue contents and offensive form."

Today's note said the Slansky trial and other events proved that Israel's diplomats came to Czechoslovakia with a "double mission"—an official one and another one "as a representative of international Zionism."

"The 'arrogance' and 'espionage activities' of the Israeli diplomats in Prague increased at the same pace at which the State of Israel became more and more dependent on the United States."

The note rejected accusations of anti-Semitism saying that "anti-Semitism was strictly alien to the Czechoslovak working people."

The Czechoslovak note said that if the Israeli Government continued with these hostile activities, relations between the two countries would deteriorate further—"a fact for which the Israeli Government would bear full responsibility."—Reuter.

BACKING ISRAEL

Santiago, Feb. 5.

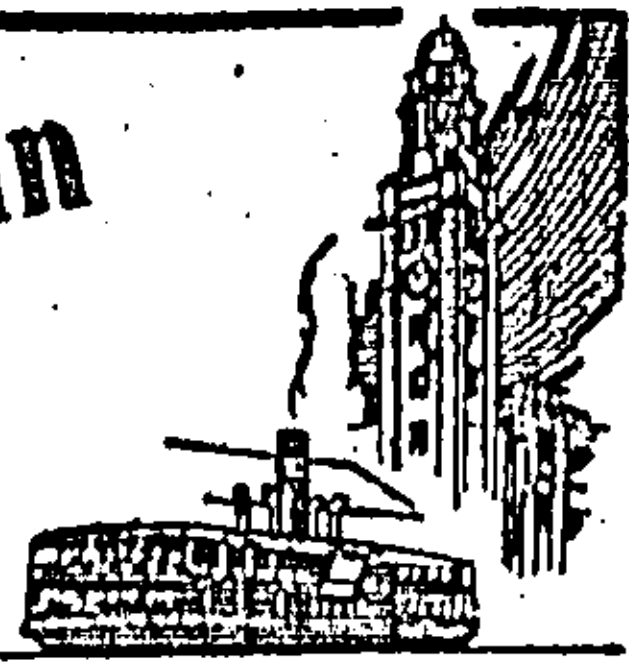
The Foreign Minister, Arturo Olavarria, said today that Chile's delegation to the United Nations would be instructed to support Israel in any move it may make in connection with the Iron Curtain anti-Semitism.

Chile is a member of the United Nations Security Council.

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Beverly Baxter MP describes the storm over THE HANGING OF DEREK BENTLEY

TOMORROW morning at 9 o'clock a 19-year-old boy named Derek Bentley is to hang. In the House of Commons we have just emerged from a scene that threatened to break through the self-imposed discipline of the Chamber and end in uproar and disorder. Now the House is so strangely quiet that we can almost hear the river as it murmurs on its way.

Almost the only movement in the corridors is from official messengers handing batches of telegrams to individual members. There is no purpose in reading them for we know what they contain. "Please save Bentley," the warehouse and steel something, and he did not know that Chris was armed.

Found Guilty
The jury did not believe him. They found him guilty of murder but recommended mercy. No one was surprised. According to British law he was guilty as an accomplice, but the jury's recommendation of mercy would almost certainly save him from the gallows although he was of hanging age.

An appeal was immediately launched, but it was automatically dismissed after a short hearing. Bentley was a quiet, unassuming man, a clerk in a warehouse, who had been travelling from Wales to London to consider the appeal from Bentley's parents to exercise the Royal Prerogative of mercy.

It was Her Majesty's Lord Chief Justice who tried the case of "The Queen against Derek Bentley," and she alone has the power to reverse the decision of the Court. But by long custom she leaves the decision to the Home Secretary, who is responsible for the peace of the realm.

Rising Tide
ALL during the week-end Sir David went through the evidence and studied the appeal by the boy's parents. All during the week-end the parents stayed in their humble little home in suburban London waiting for the letter which would only arrive yesterday morning. The Home Secretary was deeply sorry but he could not bring himself to alter the decision of the Court.

That was when the rising tide of public opinion burst its bounds. Fifty M.P.s, mostly Socialists, put down a motion on the Order Paper with the intention that it should take precedence over all other business when the House met this afternoon. This was the wording of the motion: "That this House respectfully dissents from the opinion of the Home Secretary that there are not sufficient grounds on which to advise the exercise of Her Majesty's prerogative of mercy in the case of Derek Bentley; and urges him to reconsider the matter so as to give effect to the jury's recommendation of mercy and to the expressed view of the Lord Chief Justice that Bentley's guilt was less than that of Christopher Craig."

Crime-infatuated
FOR the first time in my long years at Westminster an attempt was being made to induce Parliament to invoke its power to advise the exercise of the Queen's prerogative of mercy in the case of a young man who had been convicted of murder. It is essential that I should recount the nature of the crime. Christopher Craig, 16 years old, was one of those crime-infatuated boys who were sprung up in such numbers in Britain over the last three years. No one can explain this phenomenon, but juvenile crime has been a most sinister recent development in the life of the British people.

Craig, who had been in trouble before, managed to get hold of a revolver and persuaded his 18-year-old friend, Derek Bentley, to join him in breaking into a warehouse on a Sunday. Bentley was a stupid, slow-witted fellow who had been rejected from the Army because he could not pass the lowest intelligence test. Therefore we have the basic situation of a younger boy dominating his senior. The master mind was Craig's.

Film Idiom
THEY arrived at the warehouse and had reached a platform when a family living opposite spotted them and telephoned the police. For reasons which have proved wise over a long time, the British police do not carry arms except a truncheon. Craig saw them coming and climbed to a higher platform by using a ladder. Before Bentley could get up to join him, he (Bentley) was caught by the police.

Constable Miles shouted: "Craig to drop his gun and come down and surrender." Craig's reply was in the accepted gangster film idiom: "Come and get me."

Constable Miles climbed the ladder and went towards Craig. Bentley then shouted: "Let them have it, Chris!" and Craig fired and shot Miles between the eyes, killing him. The other policeman

went on the roof to tackle Craig but he dived from the roof below shouting: "Come and fetch me." He hurt his back and was taken away on a stretcher.

When the trial took place, they disposed of Craig in a few moments. He was found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to be detained in prison for life. Her Majesty's pleasure was that he was too young to go to the gallows. In actual fact it will mean about 20 years, after which he will be set free if his conduct has been good.

But what of Bentley? He was actually in the custody of the police for 11 minutes before the murder was committed. Also he was unarmed. When questioned by the prosecution he said that he had shouted "Give it to them, Chris!" not as an attempt to murder but meaning to hand over the gun. He swore that he had only intended to break into the warehouse and steal something, and he did not know that Chris was armed.

Big Play
NOW we must note the procedure that had to be followed. Sitting at a table just in front of Mr Speaker's Chair are the two Clerks of the House, men of great experience and experts on procedure. If an M.P. wants to put down a question to be answered orally by a Minister, he submits it to either of the Clerks, who will accept it or suggest an amendment to bring it within the rules, or declare that it is not in order.

At eight o'clock last night the Bentley motion was given to the Clerks, who read it and accepted it without any alteration. At 10 o'clock there had been no word from Mr Speaker, so it was assumed that it would be on the Order Paper today, and the announcement was made together with the names of the signatories. The newspapers made a big play of it and stated that the motion would probably be debated between seven and ten o'clock tonight.

When we met at 2.30 this afternoon for the normal one hour of questions the House was already filled, and by 3.30 it was packed, many members standing because all the seats were occupied. But to the astonishment of the House the motion was not on the Order Paper. There was anger and excited resentment on the Socialist benches, from which most of the signatories had come.

Must Be Master
AT the end of the Question Hour, Socialist Sydney Silverman, a clever, little Jewish lawyer who had instigated the motion, rose to demand an explanation. Why had Mr Speaker refused to allow the motion to be placed on the Order Paper when the Clerks had taken no exception to it? Did Mr Speaker realise that the motion could not now be debated, and in the meantime a 19-year-old boy was going to hang for a murder he had not committed?

The Home Secretary, Silverman continued, had of course a perfect right to come to a decision according to his judgment, even if the decision was wrong. But in the end Parliament must be the master, and any Minister—even the Prime Minister—must be answerable to Parliament. The Silverman developed his argument, and then confronted Mr Speaker. Why had the Chair resolved that the Resolution could not be debated? Mr Speaker Morrison, known to us in the old days as "Shakes" for speaking Shakespeare in a Scottish dialect, explained that the House had a perfect right to discuss the Home Secretary's decision but only after his decision had been carried out. That, he said, was a precedent long established through the years.

Final Letter
SUCH a decision would cause an immense resentment in the public mind with its normal instinct of fair play and its weakness for simplification. On the other hand, was Sir David to reprove Bentley and thus declare to the criminal world: "All you have to do is leave the shooting to boys under 18 and the rest of you will escape the rope." Such a decision would simply be a charter of security for adult criminals, and must create a recruitment of gangster-minded boys who would swagger about as the professional killers among their unarmed older criminals.

Aware of the storm that would burst Sir David sent a letter to Bentley's parents—a sympathetic but final letter. Their son must forfeit his life. Knowing what he had gone through, I wrote Sir David a letter of sympathy.

Now I can tell it:
THE TORPEDOED EMPRESS

By RALPH WALLING

I REMEMBER well the night that the first Empress of Canada sank, just ten years ago. It was a mystery then, and the mystery has not been explained to this day.

It is just as mysterious as the fire which destroyed the second Empress of Canada in dock at Liverpool. The first Empress, 21,000 tons, was on the way from Durban to Liverpool in March 1943.

She carried 1,400 Allied Servicemen and women, and 500 Italian prisoners-of-war. Up to 11 p.m. on March 13 the voyage followed its normal, zig-zag pattern. Twice, two days before, she had been diverted from the course originally laid down for her.

Torpedoed
SOME of her passengers, I remember, had been to the ship's races. Others had danced. There were Polish and French

which one of us would willingly have been in his place? His announcement burst like a bomb. The people were shocked, astounded, incredulous. Deep down was a fierce resentment that the scoundrel who had done the killing was to remain alive and that the other boy was to die. The protests grew in volume, culminating in the sensational announcement last night that Parliament would question the Home Secretary and, if necessary, compel him to reverse his decision. That was what really lay behind the motion signed by the 50 M.P.s.

There were shouts of protest and anger from the Socialists. As for the Tories we sat glum and quiet, not at all happy about this curious decision. Aneurin Bevan sprang into the breach. By what law of logic or decency could we only debate the right or wrong of a death sentence after it had been carried out? We, the House of Commons, were the highest court of appeal in the land! The Home Secretary was our servant and we were the masters. Why had Mr Speaker listened to the plea of the Home Secretary to save him from the ordeal of answering to his fellow M.P.s?

Never Spoke
THE storm increased, interrupted now and again by rulings from the Chair. Sir David sat white-faced and grimly serious, but never spoke. Not a single Tory intervened. We were trying to see the shape of things before we came to a conclusion.

"Then if we cannot debate this dreadful miscarriage of justice because our motion is not on the Order Paper," cried Silverman, "I now move the adjournment of the House in order to discuss the conduct of the Chair."

As the wily, little lawyer MP advanced to Mr Speaker to hand him the written motion for the adjournment, we wondered how "Shakes" would deal with it. After all he has only been Speaker since 1950.

"This is not in order," Morrison said calmly. "There is an established way of censuring the Speaker and this does not conform to it."

Outside in the streets crowds were gathering just to look at the Houses of Parliament where the fate of a boy was being decided. Unless the Socialists could defeat the rulings of the Chair, the death sentence could not be debated until it had been carried out.

And slowly on the Conservative benches we began to realise that it could not be otherwise. The Home Secretary might be wrong, the law might be guilty of a judicial murder in this case—but what would happen if we established a precedent whereby every murder case, where there was an appeal, should be decided by Parliamentary debate?

It could not be. It must not be. Emotionality, eloquence, upsurge, defiance, prejudice, pity, publicity, theatricalism... How could these things replace the machinery of the law established over the centuries?

Mumbo Jumbo
SUDDENLY the uproar subsided. "The Clerk will now proceed to read the order of the day," said the Speaker, uttering the mumbo jumbo of procedure which ushers in the main business of the day. The Home Secretary rose wearily to his feet and walked out. The House thinned quickly, most of us going into the lobbies where officials were waiting to hand us more batches of telegrams urging us to save Bentley.

At Buckingham Palace the young Queen in whose name Bentley was tried, condemned and denied a reprieve. Somewhere in one of Her Majesty's prisons is the 19-year-old boy who did the murder, beginning his long years of cage-confined life. In another prison is

the 19-year-old Bentley, and horror is spreading through the cells because tomorrow at nine his corpse will do its jerky dance at the end of a rope.

At a little house in suburban London the father and mother will die with their son even if their sentence is that they must live on with shame and grief and bitterness.

Tomorrow in Parliament we shall take the Committee Stage of the Steel Bill.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bentley was hanged on January 28.

My lords, why not yield to men of the era?

LORD FORTESCUE, Lord Allendale, Lord Derby, and Lord Home have every virtue, every grace. All are good sportsmen, good landlords, good patriots, and—when needs be—good warriors.

The same could be said of their Graces the Dukes of Wellington, Portland, and Buccleuch. Worthy Britons, the lot of them, their gallantry unconfessed, their chivalry undeniable, their pedigrees unimpeachable.

But what is to be said of the choice of these British worthies for leading positions in the Coronation procession? Is their right to be there, and the right of others like them to be accepted without question?

For, if you look at the affair realistically, they have no more real right to be there than most of their tenants and gamekeepers, footmen and chauffeurs.

How picked?
THE list of men who will cluster round Queen Elizabeth II as she moves through the sacred ceremony of crowning and dedication next June reads strangely, indeed.

It is almost as though half of them had been discerningly selected by a man of vision, the other half picked out of an old copy of Dobrett with a suitably terrible pin.

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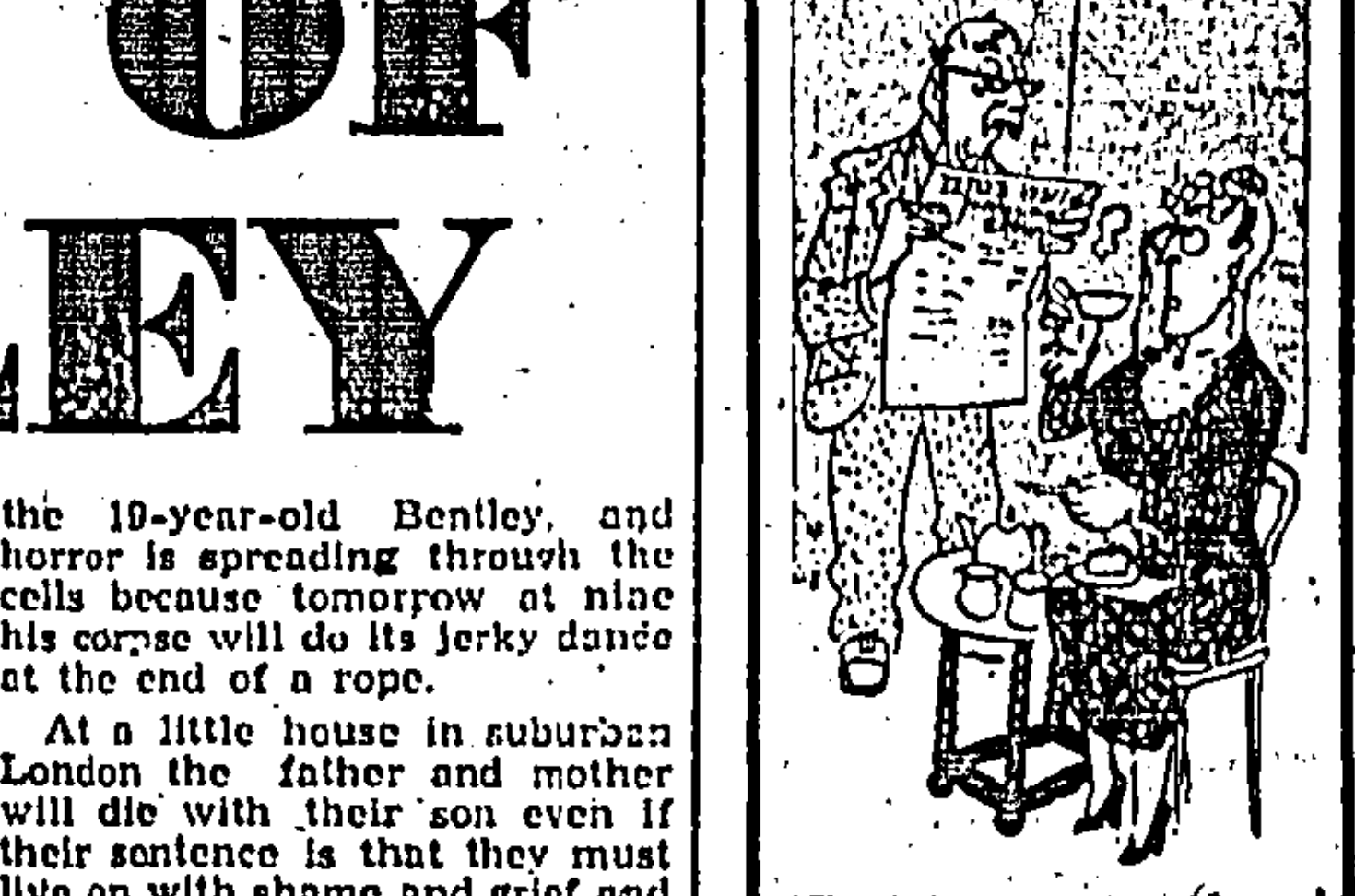
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On the daring and imagination of men such as these depends the outcome of Elizabeth's reign. They should have a place of honour at its inception. None would give us to them more gratefully than Lord Fortescue, Lord Allendale, Lord Derby, and Lord Home.

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POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Don't be so insular, Henry! How many times have I told you one cannot expect foreigners to conform to the same high standards we maintain ourselves!"

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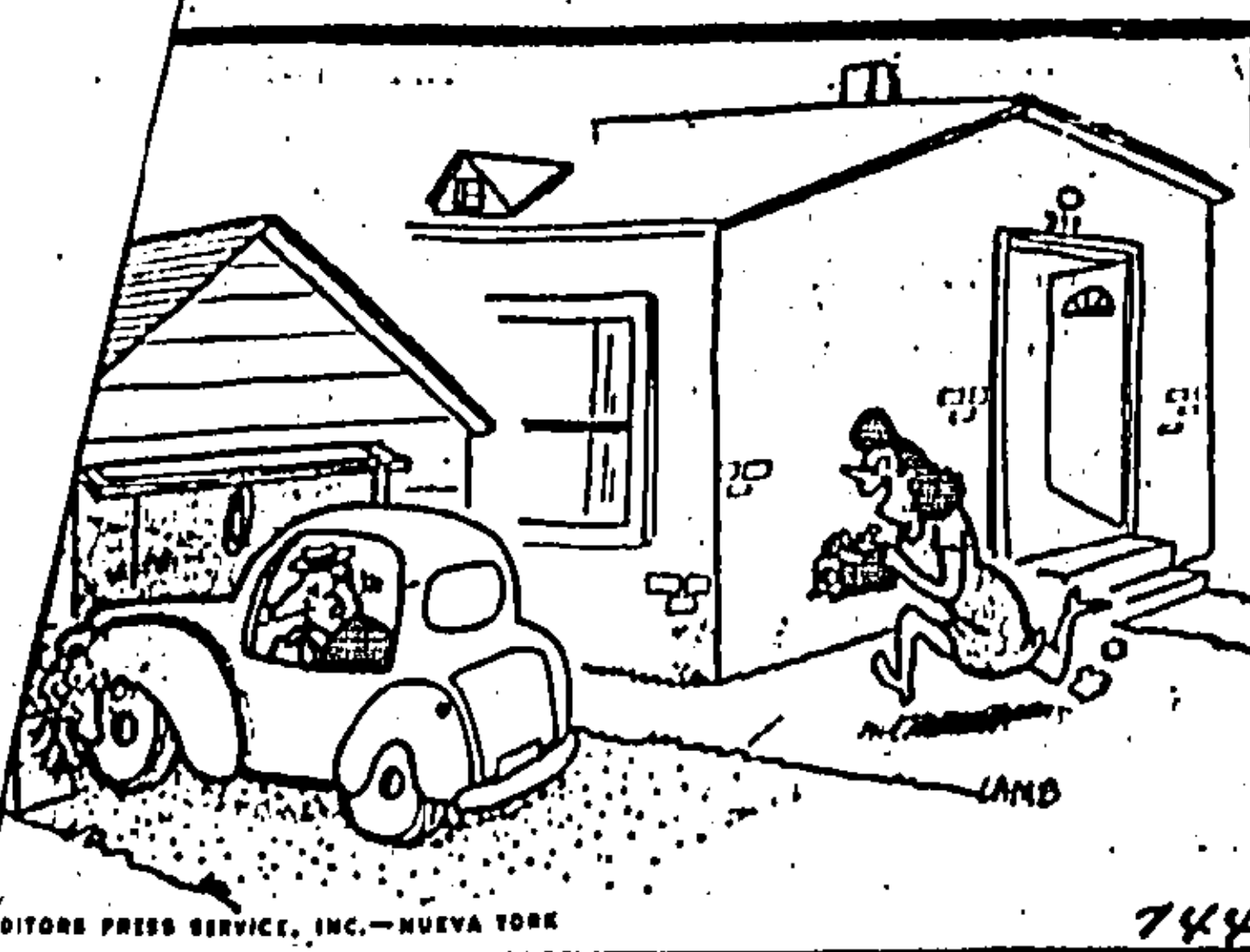
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BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

A CUNNING attempt to avoid leaving finger-prints, by using the teeth instead of the hands, led to disaster the other day.

I read that "the imprint of teeth on the stopper of a beer-bottle led to the identification of a man who takes stoppers of beer-bottles with his teeth." As the man who took the stoppers, all Scotland Yard had to do was to consult their collection of toothprints. In the same way a noted gourmet (penniless) was run to earth after he had left a faint imprint on a railway bun, and tell-tale marks on a gigantic crane showed that it had been dragged by a very strong man using his teeth, from a Cardiff wharf.

Tour de force

There is something slightly soporific and lullaby about removing the stopper with the teeth, instead of biting the neck of the bottle. At Larue, the restaurant of the Tarragon politicians and business men in the Rue Royale, no corker was ever used. The head-waiter, who had been the strong man in a fair, used to draw out the corks with his teeth. One fell he could have done

"Ut puto, pisce fio"

NOTICE that the drawings of our newly discovered ancestor, the fish, give him that early, low-brow look, expressive of the illiteracy of three hundred million years ago, which is always to be seen on the face of his direct descendant, the hairy ape-man. But there is yet another missing link to be considered. What if the Shuwan (who, on the slightest evidence, is already being called abominable) turns out to be a man like you and me, but with incipient gills and fins and a blob of spawning tail? What if we are evolving the wrong way, slowly becoming fish again, on the long and weary road back to that laughable moment when by spontaneous rilly-molly, something came out of nothing? Fiddle me that, my bouncing protoplasm.

Tail-piece

BEHIND the headline "Actress Vanidades," Snubba Ltd. see a story of a too vigorous application of their new vanishing cream.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

BORN today, you have been given very definite talents in literature which should be developed. If you are to fully utilize all the gifts which the stars have given you, you have a fair for doing so. You may become a good designer. You may be an architect or interior decorator. You have original ideas and the courage of your convictions. Once you have made up your mind to something, you will really sway from your original position. You of the fair sex are not really attractive and have a magnetic personality. You will probably have several beaux before you decide on any one as a life partner. Don't let this give you the reputation for being a flirt. Actually, you are not. You are sincere and loyal and true. But you want to be very positive before you settle on one. This applies to you men, as well, but not to the same degree. You are more apt to know right away your choice.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — You might pay a friendly visit to some neighbor or friend who needs to be cheered up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Select a friend who has the same cultural and intellectual interests as you, for the most happiness.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — You may find that your activities are being slightly curbed just now. Be patient. Restrictions will pass.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) — You may find that you are going beyond your budget. Do some re-juggling to make ends meet!

DUMB-BELLS

THE DOCTOR
WILL
REMOVE MY
APPENDIX
FOR FIVE
HUNDRED
DOLLARS!

BUT
DURING
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MUCH
RATHER
HAVE
A CAR!



BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

A loose tongue can easily be the sign of tightness.

Science says the average man of 70 has spent five years of his life eating—not counting the time he had to wait for meals.

When it's too cold for golf, you can get into just as many holes in a friendly bridge game.

One third of the home accidents occur in the kitchen, says a safety authority. Is that what they put on the dining room table?

A golfer is a man who really knows how to express his thoughts to a tee.

We've always heard that money talks. When you start giving away money,

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Shows How To Avoid Defeat

NORTH	22
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84	
1062	
AKQ3	
WEST (D)	EAST
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AKQ3	1097632
107	8853
10982	75
SOUTH	
KQJ873	
K	
KQ4	
104	
North-South vul.	
1 Pass 1 Pass 1 Pass	
2 Pass 2 Pass 4 Pass	
Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—A J	

By OSWALD JACOBY

BILL Root, bridge expert of Miami, USA, never neglects a chance to clinch a contract, as may be seen from the way he played the hand shown today.

West opened the jack of clubs and dummy won with the queen. The average player would probably lead trumps at once, relying on East to have either the ace of hearts or no ace at all.

This line of play would lead to defeat very quickly. East would take the ace of spades and lead a heart. West would then take two heart tricks and the ace of diamonds to set the contract at once.

When Bill Root played the hand, he won the first trick with the queen of clubs and continued immediately with the ace of clubs and the king of clubs. East was able to ruff the third club but he had to do so with the ace of trumps. Root simply discarded a heart on this trick, and thus managed to keep his losing tricks down to a total of three.

"What would you do if I could ruff with a small trump?" East asked resentfully.

"That's easy," Bill pointed out. "I would then overruff and play the hand normally. I would still be able to make the contract if you had the ace of hearts or no ace at all."

In other words, it cost declarer nothing to lead three rounds of clubs. It was both pleasant and profitable for Bill to find the play that might help and couldn't do any harm.

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West
1 Heart Pass
You, South, hold: Spades 8-8-3-2, Hearts K-9-7-4, Diamond 9, Clubs 7-5-4. What do you do?

A — Bid two hearts. This shows trump support in a hand that counts 6 to 9 points. In this case you count 4 points for the king of hearts (1 point more than a normal king, because your partner has bid the suit), 2 for the queen of clubs, and 2 for the singleton.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-6-3-2, Hearts K-9-7-4, Diamond 9, Clubs A-Q-7-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

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27								

Across
1. I'm out of step on a stage. (4)
2. Pale sort of fruit. (4)
3. (7)
4. Part of a date. (8)
5. With the colonel's braid on. (5)
6. (5)
7. Part of a date. (8)
8. (5)
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Down
1. Suddenly utter. (4)
2. (5)
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Solution of yesterday's puzzle. — Across
1. Curious. (5)
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Solution to yesterday's problem:
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WOMANSENSE

A SMART WOMAN'S WARDROBE

Moire Dress Tailored Silhouette Sleeve Detail Favourite Fabric Good Investment



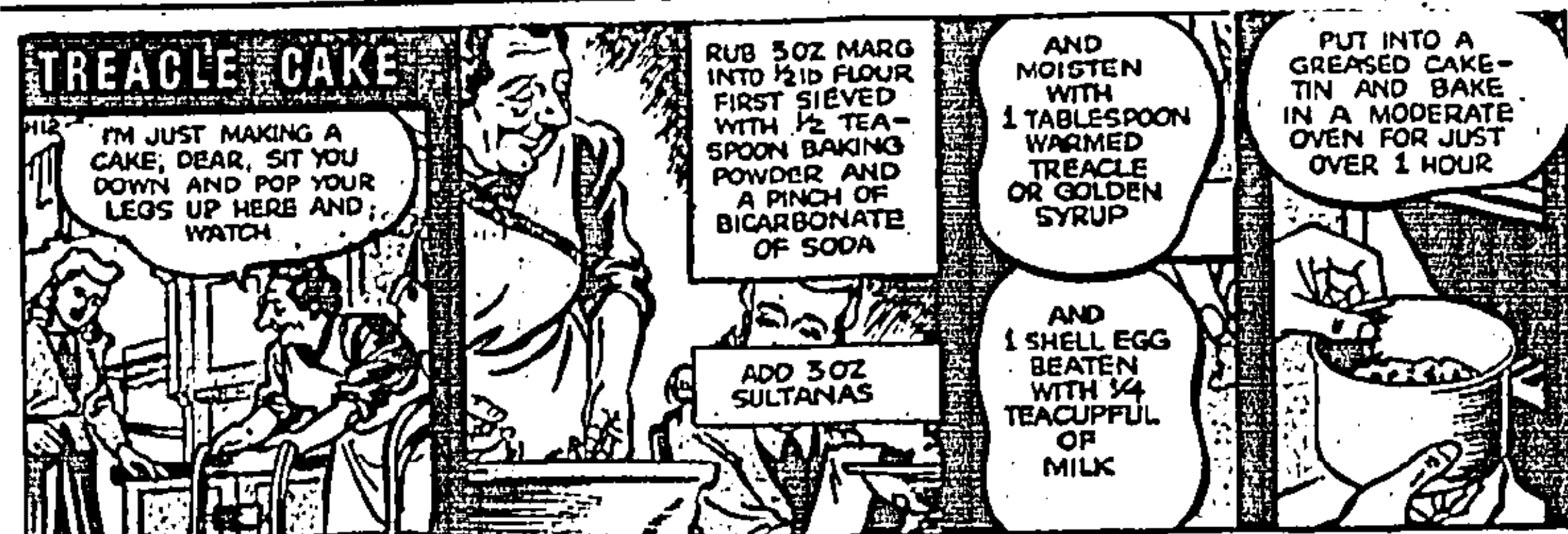
BLACK or brown rayon moire, richly marked, is the fabric chosen for a handsome coat dress. It features oversized patch pockets at the hips and the skirt is gathered at the sides, atop the pockets, and is gored into fullness at back. Other details are black velvet buttons and a black velvet gilet which is detachable.

GROWING in importance and interest is the suit with a boxy jacket done on modified cutaway lines. As we have noted it in several collections, it looks very new, and despite its tailored lines, does look smartly different. This one, of deep grey flannel, has a one-button closing below the high revers, and the slit pockets are straight. Setting off the grey of the suit is a separate vest of acetate and wool in a bright plaid.

FASHION goes to the sleeves in many of the newest clothes. For instance, this dress of worsted jersey has sleeves of handkerchief cashmere that continue round the back like a little bolero. The dress is brown, the sleeves a creamy beige. The bodice buttons to the waist, and the skirt which is gathered in front only, has an inverted pleat, while the back is gored.

COTTON queens it over the fabric kingdom now that winter cottons play a major role in winter fashions. Hair-line striped cotton in jewel-tone blue with a fine black line makes a good little wear-everywhere dress for general use through the tropical winter. A twisted surplice closing below a draped yoke helps to minimize the waist. The short sleeves are shirred on the outer edge; there is a jewelled pin at the neck and the skirt has an unpressed pleat. It is not as full and loosely flared as have been the models for line and detail that used to be reserved for fine woollens or silks alone.

A CASHMERE coat of fine quality, done on classic lines, is an investment that pays good and constant dividends. One like this, for instance, goes back to school, travels well, and is happy in town. It is in a blonde tone or in navy, and has hand-picked edges, a convertible collar and deep cuffs with just the right amount of flare. Although it is generously cut and goes over a suit nicely, it is not as full and loosely flared as have been the models for line and detail that used to be reserved for fine woollens or silks alone.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Now Willy Toad Is a Mailman

—He Likes It: Though Sometimes It's Hard Work—

By MAX TRELL

"WILLY!" exclaimed Hand, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, when she saw her friend Willy Toad hopping toward her with a big leather sack on his back. "What are you doing with that mail-bag?"

Willy smiled. "Hand, m'girl," he said, "I've got this mail-bag because I'm a mailman."

"Yes!—a mailman, a postman, a letter carrier. That's what I am. I've got all these letters to deliver to the folks living in this neighbourhood. It's a new job. I've just taken it."

Strange Kind of Job

"That certainly is a strange kind of job for a toad to have," said Hand. "I mean, well, she added, not wanting to hurt Willy's feelings, "I think that bag of mail is very heavy for a small creature like you."

"Nonsense," said Willy. "Here, let me see if I have a letter for you, m'girl. With that, Willy stuck his hand in the mail-bag and pulled out a post card. He glanced at the picture. It was a picture of a sunset. "It's for Blinky Mole!"

"My goodness!" exclaimed Hand, more surprised than ever. "It is for me! Look, there's my name on the other side. It's

from the Robins and Swallows. They're down south for the winter! Hand added that it was the first time she had ever received any kind of written note from birds. "I didn't even know they could write!"

Write with Bills

Willy said: "Birds have no trouble writing. They stick their bills in a bottle of ink and write."

"Oh! I never knew they could do that. Where do they get the bottle of ink?"

Willy didn't bother to answer this question. "I guess I'd better deliver the rest of this mail. It's really a hard job," he said as he and Hand started walking down the street. He dug his hand into the mail-bag again and brought out a letter. "Now take this letter, for instance."

"It's for the Pigeons!"

"Yes—and do you know where they live? They live at the top of the church steeple. I've got to climb all the way up to the top of the steeple. And take this letter," he went on, as he pulled another letter out of the envelope. "It's a letter for Blinky Mole!"

Climbs Up, Down

"That's right. And where does Blinky live? He lives under the ground. So, being a good



"I think that bag is heavy for you," Hand told Willy.

mailman, I've got to squeeze myself into Blinky's house under the ground. First I have to climb up, then I have to climb down, what a hard job Willy had being a mailman.

"But you don't know the worst of it. I have letters for a lot of people with girls' names." Willy took out several more letters. "Here's one for Daisy. Here's one for Lily. Here's one for Rose. Here's one for Iris."

"Yes, that's what they are, all right. But how do I know which Daisy, and which Lily, and which Rose and Iris? There are thousands and thousands of them!" And poor Willy sighed.

But he really wasn't unhappy. He really liked being a mailman, even with all the hard work!

Eye Care Is Most Important



You can camouflage those dark under-eye circles by smoothing on a new white cream. Blend it in and watch it work magic.

By HELEN FOLLETT

Can you believe your eyes? Don't believe your eyes. They are the only ones you have. Never rub them. Never touch them with a gloved hand. Gloves can carry germs that cause infection. If your eyes have a marked aversion to light, or if the type blue when you read, you are ready for specs. Do not hesitate to get them. Eye strain will bring on turkey tracks and who wants them?

When reading, you should hold the book about 11 inches from the end of your nose. If you have to bring it closer, it is another sign that you need specs.

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If there is any sign of pus, if the eyelids are inflamed, do not resort to home treatment. See a medical man who specializes in treatment of the eyes.

Under-Eye Circles

Circles under the eyes do not necessarily mean eye strain or ill health. But may be caused by a difference in the pigment or insufficient fatty covering in those areas. Pouches under the eyes may be a horrid inheritance from some ancestor who had them or may signify some physical disturbance. Whatever the reason, there's a new cosmetic on the market that will help to camouflage dark circles and pouches. It's a white cream. Dampen your finger, smooth on the cream, blend it in. Presto! Those dark rings disappear like magic.

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Rupert and the Diamond Leaf—45



The King beams at Rupert. "You've really put an end to our anxiety," he says. "There is one thing left to do. Can you show us where the two plants are that have diamond leaves? Then we can take them away and save our secret."

"Oh, yes," says Rupert, "I'll show you."

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The Rupert Annual is still available

A crown roast will prove too expensive for most budgets. However, you can insure an excellent dinner on Sunday or any other day by starting a delicious and appetizing lamb and vegetable casserole and surrounding it with some of the other dishes in the dinner menu: tomato juice cocktail, crackers and cheese spread; romaine with French dressing; orange-jellied fresh fruits; coffee, tea, milk. Or a new curried seafood would be fine.

New Curried Fish

You're sure to like the new curried fish, with oyster in the following recipe.

Dinner

Curried Soup
Curried Fish with Oysters
Buttered Rice
Carrot Rounds
Toasted Green Salad
Apple-Mince Pie
Coffee
Tea
Milk

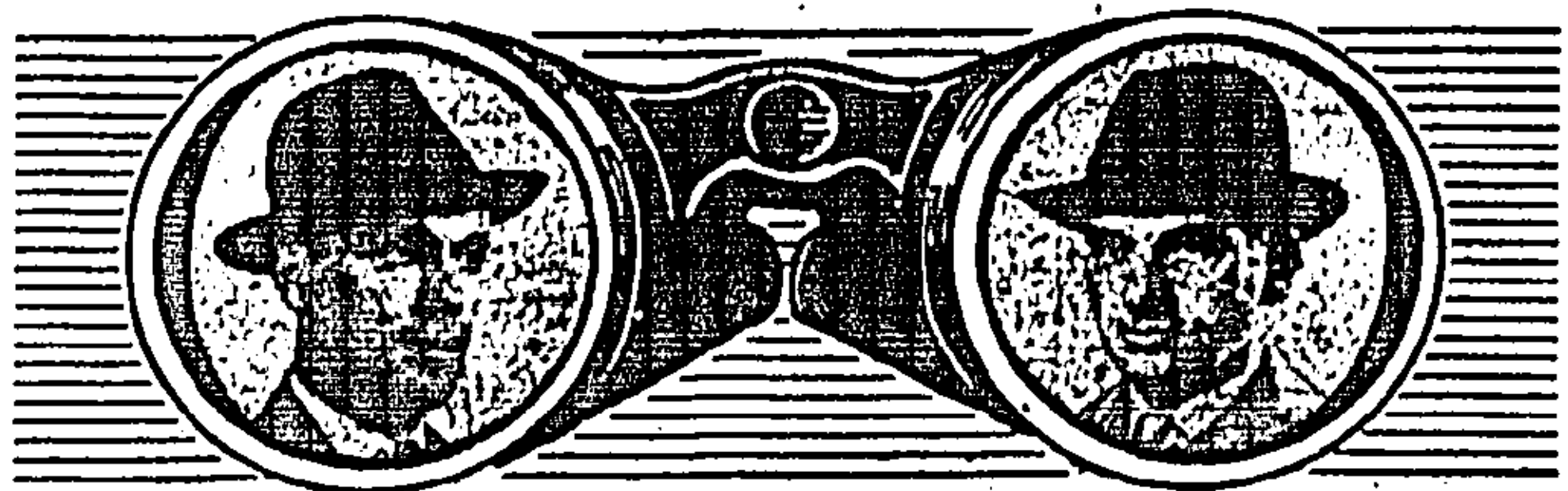
Curried Fish with Oysters

Cut 1 lb. fresh or defrosted frozen fish fillets into four portions. Brush with 3 tbsp. melted shortening blended with 1/2 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. curry powder. Place in a well-oiled shallow heat-resistant dish. Bake 25 min. in a moderate oven, 350° F. When nearly done, dot with 1/2 pt. oysters, first dusted with salt and 2 tbsp. bread crumbs mixed with 1/2 tsp. melted butter. Bake 10 min. longer or until the oysters ruffle and are lightly browned.

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It Wasn't In The List— BUT IT WON!



It's The Punter's Biggest Grouse... The Horse That Is Not Declared Overnight, Then Turns Up Winner

CLIVE GRAHAM: What makes me—and thousands of others—wild in racing? I suppose it is finding that a horse not listed as a probable runner turns up at a meeting.

PETER O'SULLIVAN: I know what you are going to say. And he wins. Most annoying.

CLIVE GRAHAM: Annoying especially to the faithful army of racing fans who only attend a race meeting when they can afford time and cash.

I won't agree that the stay-at-home punter is "the backbone of racing." In fact, his consideration should really go to the owner of the horse, who is the man who makes the biggest contribution to racing and who stands to lose the most.

When only around one in 20 horses can show a profit on stakes for their owners during the year it seems unfair to pre-

Clive Graham
(THE SCOUT)
and
Peter O'Sullivan
report on racing in
the series
SWEEP THE ARENA

GRAHAM: It can often happen, especially in mid-summer, that a race "cuts up"—with very few horses engaged. An owner, looking at his Daily Express in the morning, may have plenty of time in which to consult his trainer and decide on a change of plan.

The blacklegs
O'SULLIVAN: And his "surprise runner"—if it wins—naturally arouses as much indignation as the occasional one deliberately withheld from the Press so as to avoid the attention of starting-price backers and therefore enhance the prospects of a good S.P. coup.

GRAHAM: He is the "black-leg"—and don't let us kid our-

selves that all owners are guided entirely by altruistic motives. Many of those who claim that they own horses "only for the sport of it" are merely being guilty of self-deceit—they are the "black-legs" whose activities would be ended by overnight declarations.

O'SULLIVAN: Agreed. Yet is it fair, once again, to limit the majority because of the conduct of the few? And what about trainers?—the men who have already done a fair day's work by the time they reach the racecourse.

In England where racing is, happily, decentralised, a trainer racing at Redcar would



be hard put to it to know whether to declare a horse for the next day's programme at Bath. That is, if the horse, having been "declared," was bound to run.

GRAHAM: O.K. Peter, well why not establish that no horse which has not been declared a "probable" can run?

O'SULLIVAN: Sounds lovely, but then every horse engaged in a race would be declared—in case it was decided to run—and we'd be worse off than ever with a whole horde of "probables."

GRAHAM: Right. Then races must be framed differently.

O'SULLIVAN: I take it you mean "framed" in the administrative sense?

GRAHAM: Quite. The conditions of entry must be altered so as to provide for a forfeit stage two days or later before a race. An owner would save money by "scratching" his horse at this forfeit stage and we'd be left with fewer "probables" all of which would be included in the "probables."

O'SULLIVAN: That sounds a very fair idea. Meanwhile, in case your proposition is not accepted in the right quarters, I've a suggestion—we can discuss it later. Clive—which would safeguard Daily Express readers against missing any of their favourite horses when the "flat" reopens.



GRAHAM: I'll be all ears.

O'SULLIVAN: Meanwhile, reverting to the "clean-up" topic, I think some of "the boys" could do with a little firmer handling. I have in mind their behaviour on race-tracks which frequently brings racing generally into disrepute.

GRAHAM: They ought to be treated in a wire-cage sort of caravan, and returned to the Zoo at nightfall. I don't suppose they mean any harm. They just suffer from thickening of the bone between the ears.

Behave, there!
O'SULLIVAN: The card-sharps might also be eliminated without arousing in many of us a sense of deep personal loss.

GRAHAM: Yes, but I think we should really hand a small bouquet to the "raccource police." Considering the unsavoury characters which form a small percentage of the racing crowds, there is remarkably little crime. "Welshing" is almost unheard-of, and pickpockets seem to have vanished.

O'SULLIVAN: Button up your overcoat!

KOREANS WIN AGAIN

The visiting Korean Basketball Team beat the Combined Hongkong Chinese Team by 54-32 in a basketball match at Caroline Hill last night.

This win was the third straight one for the visitors.

Austrians Win Easily

The Austrian Liners football team to-night defeated the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) selection by 5-1—Reuter.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Eighth Extra Race Meeting of the current season will be held at Happy Valley tomorrow.

The programme will consist of nine races. The first saddling bell for the Extra Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race run at 2 p.m. There will be no Cash Sweep for this race.

Followers of Mr T. S. Leong will regret to learn that he will not be in the saddle tomorrow as he left the Colony last week.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

EXTRA RACE

Wolverhampton Plate (First Section): One Mile.

The opening race is confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1953 with a proviso that Ponies which have won \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs. I expect the winner to come from among Evening View (Mr H. C. Pih), Flying Saucer (Mr Samarcq), Boyne (Mr Ostroff), Magpie (Mr Botelho) and Never Mind (Mr Auchincloss).

Judging from its fourth placing in the Leighton Hill Stakes (Second Section) over this distance on the Third Day of the Annual Meeting, I fancy Evening View to win.

Main challenge should come from Flying Saucer which is running well at morning gallops and should not be ignored.

Boyne, Magpie and Never Mind are three other contenders which can be relied on to do well here and any one of them can cause an upset.

FIRST RACE

Newmarket Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to Class 6 ponies and judging from past performances, No Regrets, which will again be taken out by Mr Chuang, will probably do better over this distance and is likely enough to win.

Real opposition should come from Fleeting Moment (Mr Samarcq).

Corinth (Mr Ostroff), may prove dangerous, although it failed to gain a place the last time out. I believe it is about due for a win.

Pearl Diver (Mr Liu) has regained some of its old form, judging from its third placing in the Eastern Handicap on the first day of the Annual Meeting, and for those who prefer to take a chance I recommend keeping an eye on it.

SECOND RACE

Wolverhampton Plate (Second Section): One Mile.

In this race I do not think we need look further than among the following for the eventual winner—Firestone (Mr V. V. Needa), Ben Ledi (Mr Boycott), Peony (Mr Chuang) and Quickwood (Mr Ostroff).

Firestone has done well in training. It has been clocked over this distance in 2.05.4—just quarter 31.2—recently and, judging from that performance, it should have no difficulty in winning this race.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Ben Ledi, which is a good gelding over this distance. Saturday, Much as I like Peony and Quickwood, I doubt if they are good enough to give Firestone and Ben Ledi any worry.

THIRD RACE

Ayr Handicap (First Section): From the 1½ Mile Post.

This sprint race is confined to Class 9 ponies. Carrying 147 lbs., Jennifer (Mr F. Noott) came

second in the Tylong Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the 7th Race Meeting. As it has been penalised by 7 lbs. tomorrow, with the distance remaining the same, I think its chances of winning are rather bright.

Amber (Mr Kwok) came second in the Encouragement Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs at the Annual Meeting with Mr Koon Kai-tzen up. With the distance shorter, tomorrow and a change in the jockey department, it should be near at the finish.

Goodwood is not to be neglected, as this pony is used to running well with Mr Ostroff up and should give the more favoured starters a good run.

Beauty (Mr H. H. Chan) is very lightly treated, and in view of the distance it should be worth a ticket each way.

FOURTH RACE

Wolverhampton Plate (Third Section): One Mile.

This race is more or less a gift for Moonrush (Mr Tsai), as amongst the entries I do not think there is a pony to extend it, judging by its mile run in the time of 2.05.3 with a last quarter of 28.4 on January 31 during training.

Probus Line (Mr Renfrew) should have no difficulty in taking second position with First Lady (Mr Yen) fighting out the third position with Huntington (Mr F. Noott).

FIFTH RACE

Ayr Handicap (Second Section): From the 1½ Mile Post.

This race is for the second lot of Class 9 ponies and among the entries Al Fresco (Mr Ostroff), which came second in the Encouragement Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs on the second day of the Annual Meeting, has the best recommendation for a win.

Aeroplane (Mr Chuang) can move fairly fast and I should not be surprised to see it having a say at the finish.

Chief Witness (Mr Oliveira), Granchurch (Mr Chen Poo), and Windchaser (Mr Samarcq) are also good over this distance and can be depended upon to give Al Fresco and Aeroplane a good fight.

SIXTH RACE

Newmarket Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Among the entries for this race, which is confined to Class 6 ponies, I like the chances of Desire (Mr Samarcq), Fel Chl (Mr Chuang), Liberty Ship (Mr Ng), and Daisy Bell (Mr Tsai).

Desire won the Southern Handicap over the 1½ Mile Post at the Annual Meeting, carrying 155 lbs. As a result of that performance it has been penalised by 4 lbs, but I don't think this will hinder its chances of scoring another win.

Fel Chl is a pony that is constantly improving and at the Annual Meeting it came second in the Eastern Handicap over two mile post. If Mr Chuang

succeeds in getting Fel Chl off quickly on the rise of the barrier, it should have a good chance of winning.

Liberty Ship, which was third in the race against Desire, is another candidate capable of extending the above ponies and should be in at the finish if given a good start.

Uncle Willie and Daisy Bell ran poorly in their respective races the last time out, but can be depended upon to give a good account of themselves over this sprint race.

SEVENTH RACE

Acot Handicap: One Mile.

This is the main event of the afternoon and will be contested by Class 3 ponies.

After its second placing in the P. & O. Cup over 1¼ Miles at the Annual Race Meeting, it is only natural to expect that Lovely Lady (Mr Yen Ching-lan) will be made firm favourite and it should not disappoint.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Adorable Atlanta (Mr Ostroff) may cause an upset, provided it does not remain too far behind.

Arabian Dagger (Mr Liu), which ran unplaced in the above race, can be depended on to make a good fight of it.

Inspiration (Mr Chuang) is another one to watch, as this pony is improving although it is up another class and a win here is not beyond its capabilities.

The distance also favours Straight Flush (Mr Boycott), but I doubt if it can do better than place.

EIGHTH RACE

Dunstable Handicap: 1¼ Miles.

This is the final event of the day and is confined to Class 9 ponies. An interesting struggle should ensue.

After its second placing in the Inspiration Handicap at the Annual Meeting, Powerhouse (Mr P. K. Liang) seems to be the logical bet, but it must be remembered that it has been penalised by 7 lbs.

On that account alone, I cannot place much reliance on Powerhouse to win and must place the spotlight on Busy Bee (Mr Samarcq). In the same race, Busy Bee ran very well to take third position. On account of the longer distance, I feel confident that it will win tomorrow.

Frankie Moon (Mr Oliveira) is not a bad selection for a place bet and as an outsider I recommend Fleet Admiral (Mr Botelho).

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On the occasion of his impending retirement from the Hongkong Police Force after 22 years' service, Chief Detective Inspector C. Dowman, was the recipient of a silver cigarette case from his colleagues at a presentation in the Police Recreation Club last night.

The presentation was made by Mr C. Wilcox, ASP, who said that Mr Dowman had served the Force with distinction and had rendered excellent service. On behalf of the Police he wished Mr and Mrs Dowman a happy retirement.

CAAF MEETING

At a meeting of the "Ho Ho" Cup Sub-Committee of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong held yesterday, a letter from the Malaysian Chinese Football Association with proposals for the playing of the annual "Ho Ho" Cup All-Chinese Interpol was discussed.

It was decided to accept the proposal of the MCAFA that the Federation send a team to Singapore in May 1953 for the 7th Annual match and that Hongkong entertain the MCAFA team in October 1953 for the 8th Annual match.

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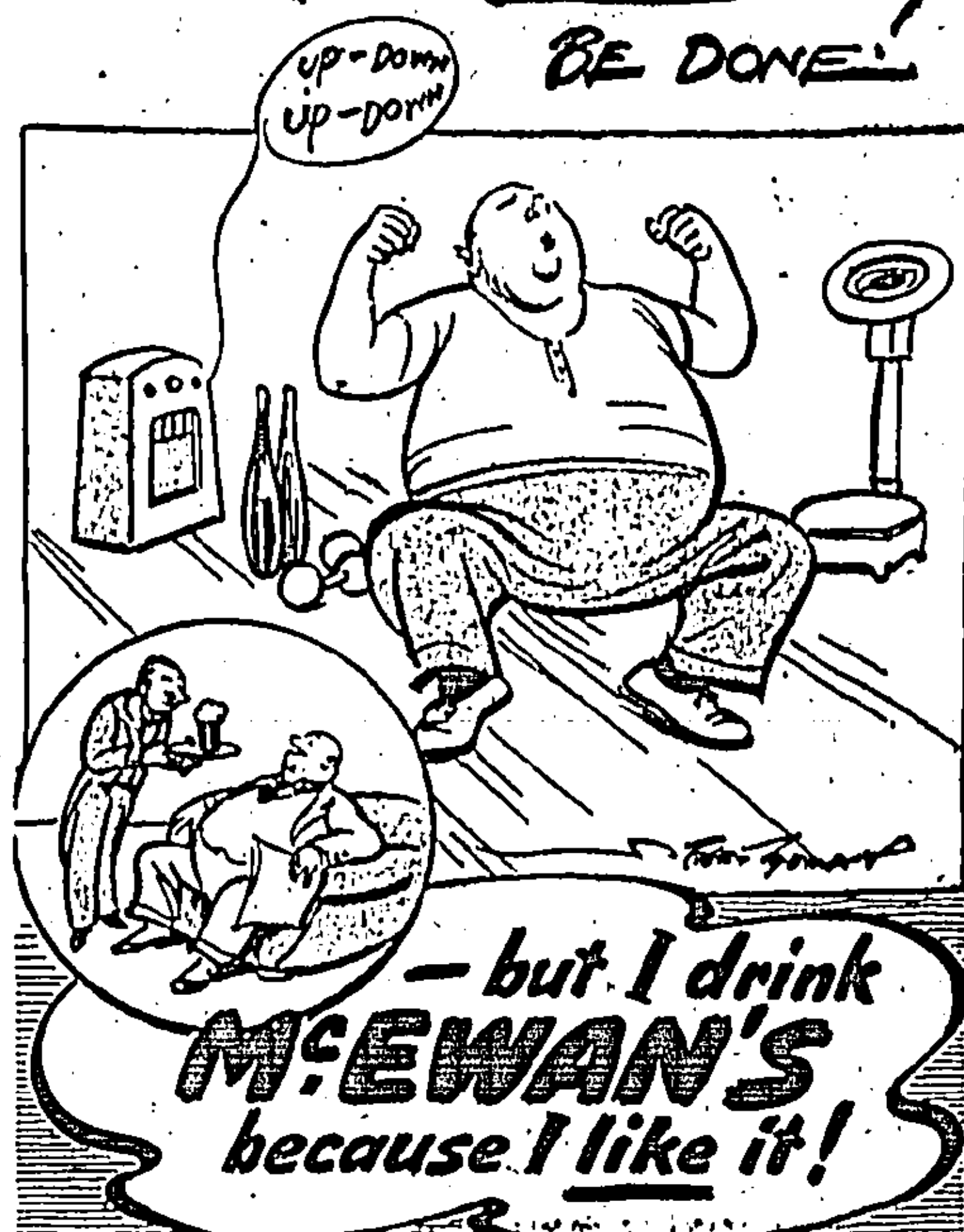
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
9th Race Meeting 1952/53

THE AINSTRY PLATE
(For 1953 Ponies)

Entries will be accepted from the owners of those ponies, which may qualify at the 8th Race Meeting, for entry in the above named race up till NOON on Tuesday, 10th February, 1953.

By Order,
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Saturday, 7th February, 1953.

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The programme will consist of nine races. The First Bell of the Extra Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the race run at 2 p.m. There will be no Cash Sweep for this race.

Through Tickets (8 Races—\$10.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at—

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All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBER'S BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of films will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 2718).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

BUSY WEEK-END FOR ATHLETES

It will be a busy week-end for athletes with the University Annual Championships on Saturday at Pokfulam and the Hongkong v. Kowloon meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday.

In the running for the Victor Ludorum at the University Sports are D. S. Fraser, entered in nine events, Bhujji Dhaner, Chan Leong-guan and Victor Lai.

Fraser has already made a nice start towards the coveted all-round title by winning the Discus Throw and One Mile.

Mrs. Sany, wife of Dr D. K. Sany, president of the Hongkong University Athletic Club, will present the prizes.

There have been a considerable number of withdrawals from the teams originally selected for the Kowloon-Hongkong meet and as a result several Services athletes who have come to the

FEATURE EVENT

One of the best events of the afternoon will be the 800 Metres, featuring the Colony Champion, Joe MacMahon, Leung Kien-po, who paced him to a new Colony record last year, Derek Coburn and Jonathan Royce.

MacMahon doubles in the 400 Metres instead of the 1,600 and there should be a great race in this event with L. G. Goddard, M. Wilcox and M. P. Curzon and Cheng Chek-yin.

South China's To King-chau is reported to be after the Colony record of 21 feet 10 inches in the Long Jump and is conceded a good chance of reaching 22 feet.

Indians Draw With Barbados

Bridgetown, Barbados, Feb. 5. The Indian touring team drew their five-day match against Barbados which ended 85 minutes earlier today because of rain.

The Indians, with seven wickets remaining, began the day needing 39 runs to avoid an innings defeat. When the rain came they were 48 runs ahead with only one wicket left, having scored 445 for 9.

Vijay Manjrekar, the 22-year-old Indian batsman, added only eight to his overnight score of 146 before being dismissed. Polly Umrigar was 27 runs short of a century when play stopped.

Final scores: Barbados 600 for seven declared (Weeks not out 253); Indians 400 and 445 for nine wickets—Reuter.

Snooker Results

Results of Geo. Younger Snooker League matches played last night were: KCC "Reds" 1, Eastern "B" 4; Kowloon "Tong" 4, RAF 1; Lusitano "B" 5, HOLF 0; CPO Tamar 2, KCC "Green" 2.

Tulyar Sold To The Irish National Stud

Nice, Feb. 5.

The Aga Khan's record-breaking racehorse Tulyar has been sold to the Irish National Stud for £250,000, the owner's secretary said today.

The secretary said the sale was made several days ago but declined to give further details. The Aga Khan himself was not immediately available for comment.

Tulyar, rated as the biggest money earner in the history of British racing, has thus been sold for an all-time world record price.

But the Irish-bred colt is also the world's best advertisement for Irishness. He believes in taking things easy. A lounge chair during exercise at home, his chief interests in life are eating and sleeping. He has been known to doze off while being groomed, and glances around for something to lean against when taken out of his box—Reuter.

BOARD TO DECIDE

The Board of the Irish National Stud, owned by the Government of Eire, will meet on Monday to decide whether Tulyar will stay in training for another year or be retired to stud immediately.

This was stated tonight by Lord Finlay, one of the Directors of the Stud, which has purchased Tulyar from the Aga Khan—Reuter.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Ordinary

Yearly General Meeting of the

Shareholders of the Corporation

will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation,

1 Queen's Road Central,

Hong Kong, on Friday the

27th day of February, 1953,

at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose

of receiving and considering

the reports of the Directors

and of the Auditors and the

Profit and Loss Account and

Balance Sheet for the year

ended 31st December, 1952,

and for the election of Directors

and the appointment of

Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the

Corporation will be closed

from Friday, the 13th of

February to Friday, the 27th

of February, 1953, (both days

inclusive) during which period

no transfer of shares can be

registered.

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE,

Chief Manager

Hongkong, 13th Jan., 1953.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED having its head office at Canal Road East, Hong Kong intend to apply to His Excellency the Governor-in-Council pursuant to Section 3 (4) of the Tramways Ordinance (Cap. 107) for an order permitting the said Company to carry out the following work:—

- The construction of a new tramway turning-circle branching from the main track near the junction of King's Road and North Point Road and running along North Point Road into and along Chun Young Street and down Tong Shui Road to re-join the main track laid in King's Road.
- The removal of the tramway turning-circle at the junction of Yee Wo Street, Caroline Road and Causeway Road.

Any member of the public wishing to inspect the plans indicating the nature of the proposed alterations may call for this purpose during normal office hours at the said head office of the Company or at the offices of the under-mentioned solicitors.

Any order made by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is subject to confirmation by the Legislative Council pursuant to Section 3 (4) (c) of the said Tramways Ordinance.

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NOTICE

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD.

Thirty-fourth Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 10, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 7th day of February, 1953, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 31st January 1953 to Saturday, 7th February, 1953 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th Jan., 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "ATREUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Hoi Yee Wharf between 10 a.m. and Noon on February 9 and 10, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Hongkong, February 6, 1953.

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Stranger's Bargain

IT may be some months before all the facts behind Arthur's crime become clear, and those facts may emerge many thousands of miles from the East End of London, where Arthur lives and works.

Arthur pleaded guilty, at the Thames court, to receiving £3 worth of dull mechanical objects—a kick-starter, a gear-change lever, two foot-rests, and five spanners—reasonably suspected of being stolen.

They were good made for export, part of orders on their way abroad. One day, someone prising open a packing-case, sweating over it in an Indian godown perhaps, or shivering in some log-built northern stone-house, will check the case's contents, find these things missing and report as much to London. Then will start the search for the thieves. Arthur will have paid long since for his part in the business.

ARTHUR is a red-faced, middle-aged, homely-looking man of 40. He is a lorry-driver. He has worked for 18 years with one firm, giving them every satisfaction. His pay is £6 a week.

The other morning, Arthur, driving his lorry out of a goods yard, was stopped at the gate. A quick search was made of the lorry's cab and toolbox, and the export goods came to light—the gear-change lever, the kick-starter and the rest.

"Where did you get them?" a policeman asked Arthur. "Bought some of 'em from a chap for 10s. the other day," Arthur replied.

"Who was this man?"

"Dunno his name."

"You say you got some of the stuff from this man, what about the rest of it?" the officer asked.

"Got it off another chap who I don't know the name of," Arthur said, unhappily. "Gave him five bob for it."

POLICEMEN are deeply suspicious of such bargains picked up from entire strangers, and the officer was not satisfied with Arthur's story. He was taken to the police-station, and there charged with the crime to which on the following morning, he pleaded guilty before Mr. Harold Sturge.

A policeman went into the witness-box to tell the magistrate

what he knew of Arthur's history. "He's a man of hitherto excellent character," he said. "He's married, and has one child of school age, and his pay averages £6 a week. I feel that if you were to take a certain course, sir, his employers would re-engage him, in view of the fact that he has been with them so long."

"THANK you," said the magistrate, and he turned to Arthur. "Now what do you want to say?" he asked.

Arthur could find no words, and just stood, helpless in his misery, looking down at his feet. "Well, you've been of such good character, for so long," said the magistrate. "I don't think it is necessary for me to point out to you how wrong this was. I must at least make it expensive, however. You will pay a fine of £7."

"THANK you, sir," Arthur said. No doubt he was grateful not to be sent to prison; but his eager "thank you," almost suggested he would regard it as an inestimable privilege to hand over to the gaoler rather more than one week's pay.

They showed him from the court, and he went off thoughtfully. Presently, cap in hand, he would have to go to his employers and ask if he might have his job back, the £6 a week job that 18 years of faithful service had earned him.

Radio Hongkong

Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Hour (presented by Sally Ann (Studio), Natives that made History—Lord Lister (BBC); 6.30, "Journey into Melody" with the Music of Eric Coates; 7.00, News (London News and News Talk (London News); 7.15, Talking about Hongkong by Dr. S. C. Davis and Rev. Father T. P. Ryan, SJ. (Recorded); 7.30, London Studio Melodist—Weather Report; 8.00, Music is served; 8.45, The Heritage of Britain, The Jokers on air. Produced by Stephen Potter (BBC); 9.15, Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests presented by Curtis Hanson; 10.00, The Human Body—the Changing Face of Disease, A Feature Programme edited by Prof. S. Zuckerman, CB, FRS (BBC); 10.45, Andre Kertesz and his Orchestra; 10.59, Western (Recorded); 11.00, News (Recorded); 11.15, Goodnight Music; and Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.



Special souvenir savings stamps bearing photographs of Princess Anne and Prince Charles are to be issued to mark the Coronation. The photographs were chosen by the Queen. Announcing this last week, Lord Mackintosh, chairman of the National Savings Committee said that though some of the Dominions have used stamps of the Royal children, this is the first time it has been permitted in Britain. Picture above shows what the stamps will look like.—London Express Photo.

Soft-Pedals Criticism

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Foreign Secretary) defended Japanese aggression in Manchuria.

"No American could have done it better," he said. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House the speech of Chou En-lai, Chinese Foreign Minister, asking for unconditional resumption of the Panmunjom talks would be very carefully studied.

"But I would say at first sight it is without doubt extremely disappointing," he added. "It does not seem to advance one step from the Soviet resolution put in New York."

Mr. Lloyd said he did not accept the view that there must be continued conflict between Asia and the West. It was still possible and in some respects, it had already been done for a partnership to be built between the industrialised West and the millions in the under-developed countries of Asia.

"We believe it is a practical proposition to have this marriage," he said. Mr. Lloyd concluded: "The British government will try to confine this conflict and find every honourable way to bring it to an end."—Reuter.

Armada Rescues Thousands

(Continued from Page 1)

anxiety," the Home Secretary said. "The morale and conduct of the population have been exemplary." The Dutch National Disaster Fund opened on Monday, now totalling over 11,000,000 Guilders. Prince Bernhard announced in a broadcast tonight. Bordeaux's Mayor and Deputy, M. Jacques Chaban - Delmas, appealed to the European Consultative Assembly to take the lead in aiding flood victims.

The Portuguese Red Cross in Lisbon today sent 50,000 crucifixes to be distributed in Holland, Belgium and Britain. A KLM plane took Portugal's first donations of blankets, and clothing to the Netherlands.—Reuter.

New District Courts

In today's issue of the Hongkong Government Gazette notice is given by the Governor that the new District Court Ordinance will come into operation on February 18. For civil proceedings, the Colony will be divided into two districts, the Victoria district (the Islands of Hongkong, Apichau and Lamma, and the waters of the Colony) excluding Yau-mai typhoon shelter, and the Kowloon district (all other parts of the Colony). A Court sitting in either district will have jurisdiction in both districts.

STARTLING NEW NIGHT FIGHTER

An Air Base in Korea, Feb. 6. The two-man crew of an all-weather jet fighter plane claimed today to be the first Air Force team in history to shoot down a Communist plane at night, blind except for instruments.

The pilot and his radar operator guided their F-94 close to a Russian made LA-9 three days ago, blasted it from the skies and returned to their base without ever having seen anything but blackness from their cockpit.

Capt. Ben L. Fithian of Kansas City, Missouri, and his radar operator, Lt. Sam R. Lyons of Houston, Texas, called this first battle kill a "proof" that the air defence system in America can work. The mission of this unique unit is to guard Korea from a surprise air attack from the massed armadas of Communist planes known to be based in Manchuria.

From sunset to dawn, these pilots wait in the cockpits of their planes for the order to take off and intercept any enemy or unidentified aircraft that crosses the Yalu River at night. A plane can be aloft in two minutes. In five minutes, it can reach 40,000 feet. Only in the last month has this force been allowed to cross the "bombline" just north of the front in order to engage with night-flying Communist aircraft.

ORDER CHANGED

Until then, high Air Force officials considered that the equipment carried in the F-94s was too secret to risk the chance of it falling into enemy hands in North Korea.

Lt-Col Robert V. McHale, of West Palm Beach, Florida, Commander of the squadron, said the order was changed when Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, visited Korea recently.

"You should have seen the men's morale go up," Col McHale said. "They really began to feel part of the war. I can promise you we will start getting more kills now."

The Air Force pilots are anxious to catch up with a Marine all-weather jet squadron that had shot down six MIG-15s in night combat. But the Air Force is suffering from two handicaps:

1. The Marine planes are not saddled with the task of scrambling to identify every plane that crosses the Yalu. They are technically "night intruders" with an offensive mission.

2. Gradually, the Marines have taken over the task of escorting B-29s in raids over North Korea and the bombers draw plenty of Communist MIGs.

Also the Air Force pilots claim that Marine jets leave two bright, fires behind as they fly, which attract more enemy fighters than the almost invisible F-94s. The Air Force pilots do not object to scrambling at the slightest cause because, Capt. Fithian said, "We all know there may be just that one time when it counts." Capt. Fithian said he and his radar operator got their LA-9 prop-driven fighter as it was trying to sneak south of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang three days ago.

"The only time we saw it was when it burst into flames," he said. "We caught it at a 300-foot altitude and started shooting when we were 600 yards away."—United Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

SUPPOSE that each bowler's average before last Saturday was 40. Then Nero had taken 48 wickets for 40 in runs; and Caligula had taken 48 wickets for 40 in runs. After the match, the averages were 48 m + 104 = 52 m + 104 = 52

Stage Club Play

NOT GOOD CHOICE

It is perhaps unfortunate that the largest crowd the Hongkong Stage Club has drawn for many months should have to choose for their support a type of play the Club seldom attempts: a stylised piece with which it is particularly difficult to distinguish themselves.

Yet better by far that they should see this—which is certainly entertaining—than that they continue to stay away altogether. But "She Sleeps to Conquer," Oliver Goldsmith's light 18th century comedy so beloved by schools, is not a good introduction to the Club—it never loses the tang of the Sixth Form Dramatic Group.

From the beginning there is a lack of unity with this stage self. For instance, many candles but none are lit. One could not forget that the players were ACTING a play, moving and speaking in unaccustomed ways. Few really made friends with the character they assumed; each reacted in his own way to the unfamiliar words and the excitement of the company.

After the first half hour the cast began to relax. In particular, in whom David Jordan obviously revelled, stood out as someone in whom David Jordan obviously revelled, stood out as someone in whom David Jordan obviously revelled, stood out as someone in whom David Jordan obviously revelled.

Official Appointments

The following appointments have been notified in the Government Gazette: Miss Margaret Maria O'Carroll to be a Senior Nursing Sister; Miss Ruth Emily Bailey, to be a Nursing Sister; Mr. James Forsyth, to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police; Mr. Goh Kong-hoo, to be an Assistant Controller of Posts; Mr. Arthur Hooton, Solicitor-General, resumed duty; Mr. James Reynolds, District Judge, ceased to act as Solicitor-General.

Appointments in the Royal Hongkong Defence Force were as follows: Artillery Battery: No. 18003382 Lt Arthur Edwin Arnold to be Captain; No. 18003401 Lt Anthony Francis Headlam resigned; No. 18003045 Lt David Clive Crosbie Trench, to be Captain Hongkong Regiment; No. 18002005 Lt William David Lindsay-Ride resigned. Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force: No. 18003003 AC 1 Francisco Maria Rozario to be Acting Pilot Officer; No. 18003585 LAC Peter Oswald Seales to be Acting Pilot Officer; No. 18003024 Pilot Officer Alexander Robert Wigram resigned.

ANNIVERSARY OF ACCESSION

Today is the anniversary of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth the Second. HM ships in the harbour were dressed overall, and at noon a Royal salute was fired by HMS Mercemore Bay and the Colony's saluting battery at Gun Signal Hill.

The HK \$ Gained 10% In Practical Value During 1952 Reveals Report

New York, Feb. 5. An unofficial report on world currencies said today that the Hongkong dollar gained 10 percent in practical value during 1952. The Hongkong dollar has gone up 10 percent in relation to the US dollar, in the black market.

The annual "Black Market Year Book" published by Franz Pick, said, "The important gold trade and its US dollar hedges, Communist purchases of Hongkong dollars, dealings with Macao and Bangkok were all exceptionally well handled by local banks and the currency board. Any estimate as to international turnover in Hongkong dollars in 1952 would be pure guess-work."

It said the economic and financial conditions were improved in Formosa. "After a 60 percent loss in 1951," it added, "the Taiwan dollar gained 23 percent in 1952. Black markets of food and manufactured products shrank in volume and illicit currency activities lost much of the speed of previous years."

The Chinese Communist dollar gained three percent. "Black markets continued to prosper in China. Currency deals in Shanghai, with or without the protection of officials, were transacted in astronomical amounts of Jen Min piao. Whether the Government itself participated in huge exports of banknotes which were regularly sold in Hongkong was difficult to confirm. But as these Communist dollars served to buy US dollars to pay for all kinds of imports from gold and diamonds to strategic materials, all guesses remain justified. Hongkong remained the principal market for Shanghai dollars. Tokyo ranked second and Rangoon third. There was no trading in Chinese Communist dollars or banknote outside Asia."

XEN DECLINED

The annual book said the Yen's black market rate in relation to the US dollar was 445 at the beginning of the year, but declined to 415 at the year end compared with the official rate of 360. It said that illicit dollar transactions centred in Tokyo averaged more than 20,000,000 Yen per day in 1952. It would be impossible to estimate the total volume of the black market transactions in Yen but it must have run into a few billions in 1952.

The annual publication said that trading in Japanese banknotes in New York which averaged between 500,000 and 700,000 Yen in 1951 dropped to a daily average of only 50,000 Yen in 1952.

It reported that most of the Far Eastern currencies gained in relation to the US dollar last year. The biggest improvement was the Thai Baht, which increased in unofficial value by 26 percent. It said the Indonesian Rupiah lost by 24 percent.

The yearbook made the following comment on the Thai Baht: "Bangkok's currency management again excelled in 1952. Good judgement in handling Thailand's rice and rubber exports enabled the government to fix the Baht at the rate of 45 to the Sterling. A rise in the free market Sterling also helped to improve the Baht's value."

The Straits dollar gained 10 percent. The Indian Rupee gained also percent. Pakistan's Rupee remained unchanged. In spite of excellent management and absolute control of inflation, Karachi's Rupee did not improve as well as India's," the report said.—United Press.

Film Executive Coming Here

Mr. Morton A. Spring, first Vice-President of Loew's Corporation, distributors of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer pictures, is due to visit Hongkong tomorrow from Manila on an inspection tour. Accompanied by his wife and Mr. Seymour R. Meyer, Regional Director, Far East, Mr. Spring is studying the development of motion pictures distribution and organisation in Far East offices of MGM.

This is his first visit to Hongkong. Mr. Spring, who is second to Mr. Alfred M. Loew in the world-wide organisation, is in direct charge of sales, theatres, advertising and publicity.

Heavy Snow In Europe

London, Feb. 5. Heavy snow today fell in several parts of Europe already ravaged by gale-whipped seas. Stockholm had its worst snowstorm for 50 years. Drifts a yard deep halted trams, buses and cars in many streets. Many roads in the West Germany's mountain areas became impassable today, and the danger of avalanches in some regions increased after heavy snowfalls throughout the country.—Reuter.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G. P. O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G. P. O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6
By Air
Indo-China, France, French North Africa, 5.30 p.m.; Air Vietnam.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m.
H.A.M.A.L. 3 p.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Q.E.A., Japan, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 9 p.m.
Macao, 9 a.m. 6 p.m., 8 p.m.
Hong/Tak Shing, 9 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m., as Halkon.

Chinese New Year Party For Children

The Children's Playground Association will be giving a Chinese New Year's party for 500 poor children at the War Memorial Centre, Southern Playground, Wanchai, on Tuesday afternoon next, February 10, during which a presentation will be made to the Hon. Sir Arthur Moore, President of the Association.

Proceedings will begin at 3.30 p.m. when the children will take part in games. They will later be entertained to tea and be presented with gifts before dispersing.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, will attend the party later in the afternoon, and will be making the presentation on behalf of the Children's Playground Association to Sir Arthur Moore, who is shortly leaving the Colony on retirement.

Today's Gazette states that a new reformatory school is to be established at the Country House of the Brothers of St Joseph's College at Castle Peak, for the use of male youthful offenders.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It mystifies me sometimes how you ever got to be a college president without learning how to run a toaster!"

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